

TUC PLAN REJECTED BY WALKER

Scargill 'boasts' are blamed

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE team of union leaders monitoring the miners' strike yesterday put suggestions to the Government for a return-to-work formula, but found Ministers determined not to give way on the central issue of the Coal Board's right to close uneconomic pits.

The Energy Minister, Mr Walker, refused to consider reopening negotiations with the miners while their president, Mr Arthur Scargill, "boasts at every rally" that he will not move from his position on pit closures.

Mr Scargill's demand was impossible to meet, said Mr Walker, and "so long as that demand is there then there can be no settlement."

The meeting, which was also attended by the Employment Minister, Mr King, ended after 90 minutes.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, who headed a delegation of six senior union leaders, commented later: "I am bound to say it is disappointing."

The Coal Board and the miners' union were not represented at the TUC-inspired talks, which were intended to find ways of getting the two sides together again after a six-week deadlock.

Mr Willis said his team also moved, but insisting that they will keep on trying, will now report their findings to the NUM leadership, probably on Monday before a meeting of the TUC's "inner cabinet," its Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Pledge sought on flexibility

Their message to Mr Scargill and to the TUC's general council which meets on Wednesday must be that while there was a measure of agreement in some areas at yesterday's talks, no real progress had been made in removing the central stumbling block: the Government's insistence that the NUM must "indicate advance flexibility" before negotiations can resume.

The TUC had proposed a return-to-work plan, built around three points: the Coal Board's programme of production cut-backs (four million tonnes this year and job cuts up to 20,000) announced on March 8 should be shelved on the understanding that, after a 10-month strike, it is no longer relevant.

Five pits whose future is said by the union to be in jeopardy should remain open and subjected to further review.

The PLAN FOR COAL, the industry's main strategy document, should be re-examined with both the board and the union submitting revised proposals. A deadline should be placed on this process.

The miners' union was said to be "neither committed nor opposed" to the plan though observers remain sceptical that Mr Scargill would agree to a return on such a basis.

Ford peace formula may end £200m strike

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

HOPES of an end to a strike by 270 sewing machinists which has halted all Ford car production rose last night.

The company and its trade union leaders reached a peace formula which will be put to leaders of the 270 machinists on Monday.

More than 10,000 Ford workers have been laid off without pay at Halewood, Merseyside, Dagenham in East London, and Southampton because of the four-week strike.

The machinists, who have been trying to get their jobs upgraded since 1968, make seat covers. The dispute has already cost £200 million in lost production, at showroom prices.

It has also delayed payment of 2.7 per cent pay rise to Ford's 40,500 workers by three weeks, because under the company's negotiating procedures the unions cannot sign the deal until the machinists' dispute has been resolved.

Neither side would disclose details of the formula last night but Mr Ron Todd, general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers Union and chief union negotiator at Ford, said it "may well bridge the gap."

Previous talks on Nov. 26 foundered over how the machinists' case could be re-examined. The company suggested the use of management experts but the unions said any examination must be independent.

The machinists want regrading which, under the new wage offer, would raise their weekly pay by £5-67 to £144-64.

UNION ROBBED

Austin Rover shop stewards were robbed yesterday by three coloured men who burst into Longbridge Club and Institute, Birmingham, as the stewards were paying out money to some men.

Scargill must pay £1,000

By JAMES O'BRIEN

MR ARTHUR SCARGILL, fined £250 with £750 costs yesterday for obstruction while picketing, said last night he would not appeal "because in this political climate I have no faith in getting a fair trial."

Speaking at a miners' meeting in Grimethorpe, Yorkshire, Mr Scargill claimed he had been a victim of a "travesty of justice."

His lawyers had "strongly advised" him to appeal, but he had "no faith in the courts." He went on: "My barrister argued a case today that would have ensured not only the Great Train Robbers would be freed, but they would have got another extra £1 million."

"When he finished the case I was on my feet cheering. Even the bats from Fleet Street were betting 10-1 we would win."

Two charges

In court at Rotherham, Mr Scargill pleaded not guilty to two charges of obstruction outside the Orgreave coke plant, South Yorkshire, in May.

He was given 28 days to pay Mr William Probert, one of the special stipendiary magistrates appointed in mining areas to deal with offences arising from the pit dispute, told him "in my judgment, your actions on that particular morning demonstrated a very poor example to those you seek to lead."

Mr Roger Keen, counsel for the police, said Mr Scargill had refused to move on when asked by Chief Supt John Nesbitt and had told the group he was leading to "stand firm."

Mr Michael Mansfield, defending, told the court that Mr Scargill and others leading the NUM strike had not received any income since last February.

"He is not in a position to deal with heavy fines and costs in this case," Mr Mansfield said.

LONDON POLY INQUIRY CHIEF

By Our Education Staff

The special inquiry into the running of North London Polytechnic, ordered by Inner London Education Authority, is to be led by Miss Sheila Browne, principal of Newnham College and former Senior Chief Inspector, HM Inspectorate.

After the early retirement last week of Dr David Macdowell, the polytechnic's director, the ILEA leader, Mrs Frances Morrell, said an inquiry was necessary because there were "grounds for concern" about the polytechnic's management and organisation.

Court order on cash—P2

BUCKS FIZZ MAN STILL CRITICAL

Attempts were continuing last night to "talk" Mike Nolan, 30, the Bucks Fizz singer, out of a deep coma with hundreds of well-wishing messages from friends and celebrities.

He is critically ill on a life support machine in Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital after being hurled through the windscreen of the group's coach in a crash on Tuesday.

£25,000 ARMY SILVER STOLEN

By Our Crime Staff

Military silverware worth £25,000 to £100,000 has been stolen from the Royal Green-jackets Club in Davies Street, Mayfair.

It includes the Victoria Rifles Challenge Cup of 1879, the Rifle and Bow Gun Cup 1874, a wine pitcher of the 18th century, and a silver vase of 1880-81 and the Kenya Defence Cup.

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£83m SCHOOL BILL

By Our Political Staff

The Government spent £83 million last year on the education of children of public servants at boarding schools, the Prime Minister said yesterday in reply to a Commons question from Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

PRIEST TRIAL DATE

The trial of four Interior Ministry officials charged with killing the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-solidarity priest, will begin on Dec. 27 at Torun, Poland.—AP.

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Arthur Scargill protesting his innocence after being fined £250 in Rotherham yesterday for obstruction.

Shares soar after tax cuts hint

By FRANCES WILLIAMS Economics Correspondent

THE Stock Market soared to new peaks yesterday on a wave of optimism following reports that the Chancellor may have more scope to cut taxes in the budget than previously thought.

Further encouragement for the Government came from figures showing a slight drop in the yearly inflation rate last month to 4.9 per cent from 5 per cent in October.

Ministers are confident that this month will see a further decline, helped by the cut in mortgage rates.

The FINANCIAL TIMES Index closed 7.8 up at record 935.4, having climbed even higher earlier in the day.

Investors were spurred by suggestions Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, may have some £3 billion in hand for tax cuts next spring, rather than the £1.5 billion foreshadowed in his autumn statement last month.

'£36bn in hand'

British Telecom shares ended the first week of dealing at a new high of 101p, 5p up on the day, as the big financial institutions continued their chase for stock in a market with few sellers.

Subscribers to BT shares have more than doubled their money on the 50p purchase price, but by the same token, the Government has made a "loss" of £1.5 billion.

The latest inflation figures suggest that pressure on prices remains modest. The Retail Prices Index rose by 0.3 per cent in November to 358.8 (Jan. 1974 = 100). December's inflation rate will be reduced by the 1 per cent cut in mortgage rates which will knock 0.3 per cent off the RPI.

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FERRY SHARE ISSUE

By Our Shipping Correspondent

The public is to get the first chance to invest directly in Felixstowe, Britain's most successful port, with an issue of 200,000 preference shares at £101 each. The £20 million raised will be used for extensions.

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U.S. NAVY MAY BAN BEARDS

By Our Washington Staff

The U.S. Navy is considering banning beards. Admiral James Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations, has asked his commanders worldwide for their "thoughts" on the subject.

Under present regulations, no one under the rank of petty officer, third class, and officers in "positions of special authority or high-visibility positions" may not have one.

IRA KILLER MAY BE RETURNED

**By TONY ALLEN-MILLS
In New York**

THE convicted IRA killer Joseph Doherty could still end up in British or Irish government hands despite a New York judge's refusal to grant Britain's extradition request. American legal sources said yesterday.

Doherty, found guilty in absentia of the 1980 murder of a British Army captain, is waiting in a Manhattan jail for deportation proceedings that are almost certain to end in his expulsion from the United States.

American lawyers said yesterday if Doherty was deported, he would be allowed to choose which country he should be sent to.

Jail escape

But they doubted that any country would be willing to offer sanctuary. If his first choice refused him, as had happened to other IRA terrorists, the lawyers said Doherty, who claims dual Anglo-Irish nationality, would be returned either to Britain or Ireland.

Mr Thomas Moseley, the Federal attorney dealing with Britain's extradition request, said yesterday an appeal against Judge John Sprizzo's controversial ruling was still being considered, but he doubted if much would come of it.

Doherty, who escaped from a Belfast jail was found guilty of the murder of a British soldier in 1982. He was also charged with the murder of a British soldier in 1982. He was also charged with the murder of a British soldier in 1982.

LEGISLATION OUTPUT CUT

By Our Political Staff

The weight of legislation passed by Parliament last year was the lowest since the year the present Government took office. Mr Barney Hayhoe, minister of State at the Treasury said yesterday.

The number of pages on new legislation for England and Wales enacted in 1983, he said, was 660 compared with a low of 500 in 1979, and a peak of 1,600 in 1975 under the Labour Government.

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FIRE MAN DIES

Stanley Turner, 78, collapsed and died yesterday as he tried to flee from a fire at his home in Kelvedon, Essex.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Shallow depression is almost stationary in Irish Sea.

LONDON: S.E. ENGLAND: E. ANGLIA: Shallow depression, mainly S.W. wind, moderate or fresh. Max. 48F (9C).

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ST. GEORGE'S: S.W. ENGLAND: Shallow depression, mainly S.W. wind, moderate or fresh. Max. 48F (9C).

IRISH SEA: E. to S.E. 4 or 5. Slight to moderate.

OUTLOOK: Generally clear, over-night frost and fog in places. Weather Maps—P24

Writer jailed for helping friend to die

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

THE author of children's books and a murder mystery, Helen Charlotte Hough, was jailed for nine months yesterday for helping a frail, deaf and near-blind 83-year-old friend to commit suicide.

Hough, 60, mother of four children, denied murder, but admitted attempted murder.

Judge Tom Pigot Q.C., the Common Sergeant, was told at the Old Bailey that Hough had kept a promise to her friend, Miss Anneta Harding.

She put a plastic bag over Miss Harding's head, when a supposedly lethal mixture of drugs and drink failed to end her life after two hours.

Before being led away to begin her sentence at Holloway jail, Hough was told by Judge Pigot that he was satisfied she was a caring, sympathetic and compassionate woman who had acted out of the best Christian principles.

But he added: "The law exists to protect the sanctity of life, even if that life is of a person in a coma, on the verge of death."

"What you did was to accelerate death, which was probably inevitable in a very short time."

"I have no desire to punish you, but I must bear in mind public policy."

"I must have in mind the need to deter others less altruistic than you who wish to accelerate death in different circumstances."

Hough, of Ivor Street, Camden Town, formerly married to the Mountbatten biographer Mr Richard Hough, admitted attempted murder after the prosecution dropped the charge of murder.

Medical experts had said they were uncertain whether the plastic bag being placed over her head had actually killed Miss Harding.

It was said that Miss Harding, 83, was suffering from a terminal illness.

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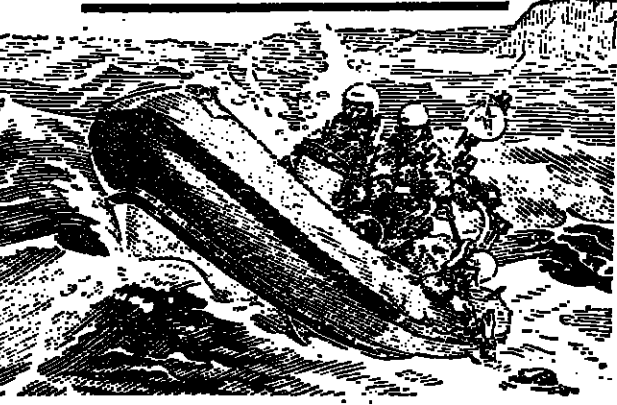
By Our New York Staff

William Schroeder, the world's second artificial heart patient, was showing signs of improvement yesterday after a partially-paralysing stroke that put his long-term recovery prospects in jeopardy.

His right arm froze in mid-air as he was eating dinner on Thursday night. Doctors at the Human Heart Institute, Kentucky, found he had suffered a stroke in the lower left side of his brain.

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Judge withholds legal sanction to help to heal wounds of pit strike

NUM OFFICERS LIABLE FOR £1.7m SPENDING

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

WORKING miners can sue their union officials to make them personally liable for union funds spent on picketing and hardship payments when the strike is unlawful under union rules, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

In one of the most significant judgments since the miners dispute began, Mr Justice VINELOTT upheld a claim brought by two working Derbyshire miners against their area union officials claiming that payments on the strike in the Derbyshire area were unlawful.

But he refused at this stage of the action to make an order requiring the two officials, Mr GORDON BUTLER, its president, and Mr JOHN BURROUGHS, its treasurer, to repay personally the £1,736,789 spent so far on the strike in the area.

Step to bankruptcy

Mr Justice Vinelott said there was no immediate advantage to the union in ordering the officials to pay back to the union a sum which was clearly beyond their resources and which could lead to steps being taken to bankrupt them.

Enforcement of a summary judgment for repayment would make it "all the more difficult to heal the wounds that will have to be healed when the dispute is over."

He was giving judgment in a claim brought by Mr ROLAND TAYLOR, from the Shirebrook colliery, and Mr DAVID ROBERTS, from Markham colliery, challenging the legality of the union's spending on picketing, transport and payments to strikers' families during the current dispute.

Argument rejected

Last September they had obtained a ruling from Mr Justice NICOLLS in the High Court that the strike in Derbyshire was unlawful under the local union's rules.

In his judgment yesterday Mr Justice Vinelott rejected an argument put forward by the union that Mr Taylor and Mr Roberts were not entitled, as individuals, to bring an action to stop the misapplication of union funds.

The effect of his ruling will be that working miners in other areas where the strike has been declared unlawful and there are similar local union rules to Derbyshire will be able to sue their union officials for unlawful spending on the strike.

It could also assist the 16 working miners led by Mr COLIN CLARKE, president of the National Working Miners' Committee, who are seeking to make Mr A. J. Scargill, the national union's president, and other members of its executive, personally liable to pay the £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed on the union for breaching court orders.

Local rules

In his reserved judgment yesterday after a four-day defended hearing in the High Court, Mr Justice Vinelott ruled that the spending by the Derbyshire area officials on a strike that had been declared unlawful were outside their powers in the local union's rules.

The officials who made the payments were liable to reimburse the union and their misapplication of union funds could not be ratified by a majority of the union's members however large.

In deciding whether or not to order repayment by the officials, Mr Justice Vinelott

Court bans poly cash for famine

**By MARGOT NORMAN
Education Staff**

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday granted the Attorney-General an order forbidding North London Polytechnic students from giving £5,000 to striking miners and £5,000 to famine victims in Ethiopia. But the students went ahead and sent the money anyway.

Steve Brown, a student union spokesman, confirmed that both donations were already on their way to the recipients as Mr Justice Scott reinforced an earlier court order banning the miners' donation and extended it to cover the donation to the Ethiopian famine fund.

The union's defiance of the first order on the £5,000 sent to Seaham miners' support group in Co. Durham could prove a move from Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, to have the student officers concerned jailed for contempt.

Generosity not permitted

Contempt proceedings over the Ethiopian donation are less likely, since the money was sent before the writs arising from yesterday's extended order were delivered to Peter Ross, student president, Peter Redman, vice-president, and Philip Brett, the three named student officers.

At yesterday's hearing the judge said that payment of student union funds for any purpose "other than the advancement of the education, or the fostering of the well-being of the body of members of the students' union as students of the polytechnic" was ultra vires, and therefore illegal.

"The sympathy that people may have for persons in distress in Ethiopia, and miners' families in distress, does not permit, at the present state of proceedings, the union to be generous with money which is earmarked for student purposes," said Mr Justice Scott.

His order will remain in force until a hearing of the case in early February.

On the picket lines

Meanwhile, Brown said "The money has gone up by train to Seaham in cash and cheques signed by student union officers."

We don't want to go around breaking the law, he said. "Our union should be free to spend our money in whatever way it votes to spend it. If the law says no, then that's something we'll have to confront."

Brown, a member of the Socialist Workers' party, said: "Our main priority is to get students on to the picket lines."

He claimed that the polytechnic had so far sent about 150 students up to Seaham, near Easington Colliery, and that some students were still living in the village and picketing.

Four dropped from court move

By Our Legal Correspondent

FOUR moderate members of miners' union national executive have been dropped from legal proceedings seeking a court ban on the NEC committing further contempt of court.

Mr DAVID OLIVER, counsel for 16 working miners seeking the ban, told Mr Justice Scott in the High Court yesterday that the four moderates had been dropped after evidence filed by the union disclosed splits in the executive.

But other members of the union's executive in an action brought by the 16 to make executive members personally liable for the £200,000 contempt fine imposed on the union in October for defying court orders.

The four defendants dropped from the action are Mr COLIN BELL, the colliery strike leader, Mr KENNETH TOON, from Derbyshire, Mr JACK JONES, from Leicestershire, and Mr TED MCKAY, who represents North Wales.

Mr Oliver said the four had already broken with other executive members by retaining their own lawyers. It was clear that some executive resolutions were unanimous.

The injunction application was adjourned until Wednesday to give other members of the executive time to decide whether they wanted to be separately represented.

MORE COAL IS REACHING POWER PLANTS

By Our Business Correspondent

Coal production and deliveries edged higher this week as the Government welcomed an extra cushion against winter power cuts as a result of the ending of the overtime ban by Nottinghamshire miners.

Deliveries are running at around a million tonnes a week with three-quarters of the total going to power stations. The supply to power plants is less than half the normal level at this time of year.



£263,000 CHEER FOR MINERS

By BRENDA PARRY

THE miners' families Christmas appeal launched two weeks ago by Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, has already raised £263,400, his wife Glenys said yesterday.

But she added there was still a huge need for support in the mining communities, so that parents did not have to tell their small children: "Father Christmas will not be coming this year."

The biggest cheque so far is the well-publicised £100,000 from John Paul Getty. Other large sums have come from Colin Welland, Ken Follet, Trafalgar Watch and the West Midlands Labour party.

The money is being banked daily, and then being distributed from Sheffield in the hope that every miner's family will be able to celebrate Christmas in his own home with a turkey, a Christmas pudding and at least one present for each child.

It is hoped that 100,000 families will benefit from the appeal.

Sharing the Press conference with Mrs Kinnock was Mrs Janet Dunn, wife of Kent miner Jack Dunn, who said that she and her husband live in a house owned by the NUM and had been ordered to pay their rent to the sequestrators.

Moral support

In West Sussex a group is trying to bolster moral support for working miners.

A housewife leader of the group, who like all the members wishes to remain anonymous, said that working miners were feeling increasingly isolated with all the publicity heavily loaded in favour of the strikers.

The Haywards Heath based group has adopted the working miners' Yorkshire Colliery, South Yorkshire, extending the band of friendship where they feel it is greatly needed.

"We are a non-political, non-sectarian group who simply want working miners to know that they have friends and supporters in the South of England," said the woman.

She added that supporters of the working miners were angry that so much aid was being given to the strikers who had the power to bring their misery to an end by returning to work.

STEEL OUTPUT HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

By Our Business Correspondent

Steel output slipped last month but is still showing growth over last year's despite the miners' attempts to disrupt production.

Average output was 316,000 tonnes a week at British Steel and independent company works compared to 318,300 tonnes in October, but was three per cent. higher than November last year.

Detailed figures published yesterday show how the main producing areas have with one exception been able to raise output with the help of regular ore and coal lorry convoys introduced to beat the effects of some railmen and miners' slowdowns.

The only main centre where output has fallen is Yorkshire and Humberside.

AID FOR SLIMMERS

By Our Health Services Correspondent

A £75,000 grant has been made to help form an advisory service for people suffering from anorexia nervosa, the slimmers' disease, Lord Glenarthur, Parliamentary Secretary at the Health Department has announced.

YORKSHIRE: the contrary county

SCARGILL, Boycott, Harvey Smith, Richard III... all Yorkshiremen and all awkward types. What makes them—and their county—so contrary?

There are a number of theories. Some say it is the Viking spirit, still alive and kicking; others that it is rampant insularity; yet others that it is simply bloody-mindedness.

Graham Turner has been up north to find out what makes Yorkshire tick. His lively report on a county where they give now for your comfort appears in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow.

Offer still on table 'the best ever'

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

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It's not cricket for independent schools

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

PUPILS attending independent schools in Labour-dominated Nottinghamshire, will no longer be able to play football or cricket on county-maintained fields or learn to swim in its pools.

The pupils will also be barred from playing in the fine county orchestra or its concert band.

Music sessions run by the local authority on Saturday mornings as well as its drama workshops will also be closed to boys and girls at fee-paying schools.

Savings to ratepayers will be £180 a year.

Last night Councillor Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottinghamshire's education committee, said: "We felt that the independent sector should live up to its name and be independent. Independent schools need us; we don't need them."

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LEADER OF KENT MINERS FINED

Malcolm Pitt, the Kent miners' president, has been convicted of obstructing a police officer by the county court, Pitt of Edge End Road, Broadstairs, Kent, was fined £100 by Sandwich magistrates and ordered to pay £25 costs for the offence at Tilmanstone Colliery, near Deal, on Sept. 5.

He was cleared of using threatening behaviour.

Police were ordered to pay £200 costs by the magistrates when the prosecution offered no evidence against 18 men accused of persistently following a working miner. All charges were dismissed.

CARGO FERRY PLAN

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Searoads Ferries, a newly formed company, plans to exploit use of the M25 motorway round London by heavy lorries by starting a cargo ferry service from Tilbury to Zeebrugge on Jan. 2.

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LIFE JAIL FOR 'MURDER ON DUTY' SOLDIER

By KENNETH CLARKE in Belfast

FOR the first time since the Army was sent to Northern Ireland 15 years ago, a British soldier was found guilty yesterday of murder during the course of his duty.

Pte Ian Richard Thain, 19, from Doncaster of the First Bn Light Infantry Regt, was jailed for life at Belfast Crown Court for murdering THOMAS REILLY, 22, road manager of the all woman pop group Bananarama.

Thain, who denied murder, had been in the Regular Army less than a year when he shot Reilly through the heart as he chased him Aug. 9 last year—the anniversary of the introduction of internment in Ulster.

Yesterday he was helped down the dock after being sentenced by Mr Justice Higgins.

Colleagues in plain clothes looked shocked, but one of Mr Reilly's two brothers, Michael, said: "It is good to see people like that getting justice. They usually walk away."

Drinking heavily

In his defence, Thain said he called on Mr Reilly to stop three times, but fired a single shot when Mr Reilly half-turned and appeared to be going for a gun in the waistband of his trousers.

Thain also called evidence that Mr Reilly, before being shot, had punched a soldier, and tried to steal a riot gun.

The judge accepted that Mr Reilly had been involved in a disturbance and had also been drinking heavily.

But he said he had found Thain untruthful in the witness box when it suited him, and he rejected the defence submission that Thain had fired only in the belief that he was protecting both his own life and those of soldier colleagues.

Lack of sleep

Mr Justice Higgins said he had also considered evidence from a psychologist that Thain had been brooding about the death of a colleague who had been blown up two months previously, and that there were doubts about his stability.

In addition, he had taken into account his youth, inexperience and lack of sleep at the time.

Having regard to all the evidence, simply do not accept the accused's testimony that he believed he was about to be shot at, and reacted to that danger by shooting in self-defence.

The judge said he was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that:— Between firing the gun and getting to within a short distance of Mr Reilly, Thain was

not suffering from any emotional shock or reaction; and Thain's failure in that period of time to take precautions, to give warnings, to search for the gun or to mention its presence, or to say why he had fired his rifle, could only be explained by the absence of any belief on his part that Mr Reilly was going to draw a gun and shoot him.

The judge said that the first time Thain claimed that the shooting was in self-defence was when he made a statement at Tidworth about a year after the shooting.

He said that since the shooting Thain had been in military custody, first for four months at Aldergrove in Northern Ireland, and then at Tidworth. During that time, he was free from the dangers and pressures associated with patrol duties in West Belfast.

But Thain admitted that he had told no one in that period. I find it unbelievable that the accused, a young man, who was reserved, anxious during that time to explain his position and justify to someone what he had done, did not tell anyone of the accused's reticence astounds me.

Appeal likely

The judge said that another soldier, Pte Speak, was not far behind Thain when the shot was fired, and he would have expected Thain, if he honestly believed Mr Reilly to have been armed, to have talked to Pte Speak about it.

An Army spokesman refused to comment on the verdict but it is understood that there will be an appeal.

Thain joined the Army in September 1982 and was posted to Northern Ireland on May 1 the following year, when he was only 18. He was stationed in West Belfast, for years in an area in which the IRA has operated.

Many residents there are hostile to soldiers, and when on patrol troops are frequently abused and have missiles thrown at them.

Soon after Thain's arrival in West Belfast a booby-trapped lamp-post exploded and killed his mate, Pte Geoffrey Curtis, also from Doncaster, and serving in the same company.

Thain arrived at the scene of the blast with other soldiers, shortly afterwards, and saw his friend's remains. He told colleagues it was something that had embittered him deeply.

Ex-sheriff's suicide over liver cancer

By JOHN SHAW

MR JAMES PHILLIPS, a former High Sheriff of Suffolk, shot himself after being told he might have cancer, a Newmarket inquest was told yesterday.

Against that background he determined to end his life in as discreet and private a fashion as the circumstances would permit, said Mr MICHAEL HALL, deputy coroner for West Suffolk, who recorded a verdict of suicide.

Mr Phillips, 78, of Dalham Hall, Dalham, near Newmarket, was a gentleman farmer, keenly interested in racing and a member of the Jockey Club. He was found dead in his grounds by a member of the staff on Sept. 22. He was High Sheriff in 1955-56.

Mrs ELIZABETH PHILLIPS said her husband had good health until shortly before his death when he developed jaundice. He went to a local doctor and then to hospital for a scan. On the morning of his death he had looked "very ill", she said.

Worked as usual

But he did office work as usual and then went on a tour of the farms taking his gun with him in a Range Rover. She said there was nothing abnormal in that.

Dr FRANK HARRIS, consultant pathologist, said Mr Phillips was suffering from deep jaundice and a post-mortem examination showed that he had cancer in a liver duct which would have made him slowly more and more jaundiced. Death was due to a gunshot wound in the chest.



Helen Charlotte Hough who was jailed for nine months at the Old Bailey yesterday for helping a 83-year-old friend to take her own life.

'Spectator' columnist goes to jail after losing drug case appeal

THE "High Life" columnist for the SPECTATOR, PETER TAKI THEODORACPOULOS began a four-month jail sentence yesterday for possessing cocaine after Judge ALAN TRAPNELL rejected his appeal against the sentence.

Theodoracopoulos was "professionally destroyed" by the sentence, his counsel, Mr JOHN MATHEW, Q.C., said at Southwark Crown Court.

Mr Mathew said that Theodoracopoulos had been sacked by the New York magazine VANITY FAIR because of the case.

The editor of the SPECTATOR, Mr Charles Moore said after yesterday's appeal that the job would remain open to him.

Karate captain

Theodoracopoulos, 48, a Greek millionaire, is married to an Austrian princess, and they have two sons, aged nine and four.

He lives in New York but has a flat in Egerton Gardens, Chelsea. He played tennis for the Greek Davis Cup team, was an Olympic skier, and is the present captain of the Greek karate team. As a journalist, he writes under the name of Taki. He was arrested by customs

officers at Heathrow in August after an envelope was spotted protruding from his pocket as he walked through the green channel. It was found to contain 24.1 grammes of cocaine worth £2,410, which he was planning to use for himself during a three-month stay in Europe.

'Deep humiliation'

He pleaded guilty and was jailed for four months by Uxbridge magistrates the following day but released on bail pending an appeal against sentence.

"He feels the humiliation very deeply," Mr Mathew told the court yesterday. "He and his family have been attacked in the Greek Press. He fears for the effect upon his sons, and the way they may be treated."

"I do not try to minimise the dangers to those who use a Class A drug nor excuse it because it is a custom of the affluent, influential and intellectual."

But there is a vast difference between those who have it for their own use and those who are dealers or providers. The users are more to be pitied. It



Peter "Taki" Theodoracopoulos — "professionally destroyed."

seems pointless to punish them excessively.

Mr Mathew said that Theodoracopoulos became a user because of the pressure of his work, as he found cocaine acted as an antidote to his drinking, which had become quite heavy.

Judge Trapnell said: "Bringing cocaine into this country is a serious matter and we feel bound to disabuse the appeal."

Theodoracopoulos was also ordered to pay £200 costs.

VICE GIRL FREED FOR HONEYMOON

Judy Jones, 36, who admitted she was out soliciting as a prostitute with hours before her wedding, was back on honeymoon yesterday after magistrates in Bristol gave her a "last chance" 12-month conditional discharge.

She was arrested last Thursday in the St Pauls area of Bristol and freed on bail the next day when magistrates heard she was to be married that afternoon.

Murdered executive's wife discharged

MRS YIANDULLA ROBERTSON, 37, the Greek-born wife of Mr Michael Robertson, the murdered IBM executive, was discharged yesterday by magistrates at Havant, Hampshire, where she had been accused of soliciting the killing.

POLICE WIN RENTS CASE RULING

THE Labour-controlled West Midlands police authority acted unlawfully in failing to review the rent allowance for its police officers, Mr Justice SKINNER ruled in the High Court yesterday.

The authority was ordered to review, "as soon as practicable," the maximum rent allowance which is given to officers not living in free police housing.

That review should not be later than Feb. 20, 1985, the date of the next meeting of the police authority, the judge said.

The result was welcomed as a victory by the West Midlands Police Federation, who had brought the action through its deputy secretary, Pte David Morgan, from Birmingham.

Since 1969, the West Midlands had reviewed the rents every two years, but had not done so since April 1982.

Between then and February this year, the rent for the "specimen house"—used to fix the maximum allowance—had increased by just over 15 per cent, said the judge. In those circumstances the authority had a "plain duty" to review the rent allowances.

The police authority was ordered to pay the costs of the action.

NO ESCAPE PLOT BY NILSEN

Prison authorities were investigating yesterday how a hacksaw blade came to be hidden near the cell of Denis Nilsen, the mass murderer, at Wakefield Prison, Yorkshire, although a spokesman for the Home Office Prisons Department said: "We believe there was no genuine escape plot, and therefore no escape plot was followed."

Nilsen, 33, a former civil servant, was jailed for life last year for killing and dismembering 15 homeless youths. Parts of his bodies were later discovered in drains and under floorboards of two houses in North London.

Miss XANDY SMITH-HUGHES, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said it was proposed "at this stage" to offer no evidence against her.

Mrs Robertson, 37, of Selters Lane, Hayling Island, had been accused of soliciting Timothy John Smith to murder her husband.

Miss Smith-Hughes said of the DPP decision: "It has been made clear to the defence this is not to be taken as a final decision in her case and her position will be reviewed after Smith has been dealt with at the Crown Court for the murder itself. At this stage my application is to offer no evidence."

Unlawful disclosure

Mrs Robertson was discharged by the court, which then heard criticism of advance Press publicity of her case.

Mr Douglas Dowds, chairman of the bench, said the DPP would be asked to investigate the matter "to see whether or not there has been any unlawful disclosure of evidence or other matters in this case."

Newspaper reports had disclosed that the charge against Mrs Robertson would be dropped. Mr KERRY BARKER, the court clerk, said he was "incensed" at the suggestion in a local evening paper that the source of information was him.

Timothy Smith, 41, the Robertson's family gardener, of the Seafrost, Hayling Island, was yesterday sent for trial at Winchester Crown Court accused of the murder of Mr Robertson, who was attacked outside his luxury home on Hayling Island last October.

Smith appeared in the dock with David SNAPE, 37, of East Stoke Avenue, Hayling Island, who was accused of perverting the course of justice and was also sent for trial on bail, to Winchester Crown Court.

BLOW FOR SHERIFF

The Sheriff of Norwich's gold chain of office, worth £9,000 and presented to the city in 1793, was stolen from Lord Mayor's car in Unthank Road, Norwich. The Lord Mayor, Mr Stan Petersen, was to have met the Sheriff later.



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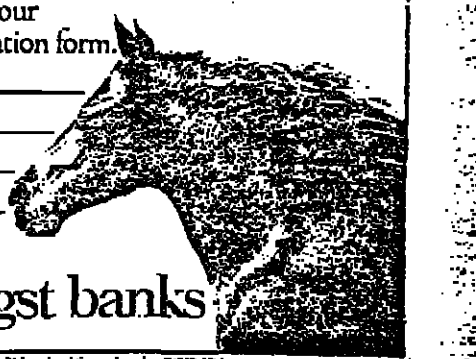
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MYSTERY-MAN GORBACHEV IN THE LIMELIGHT

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

MR MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, the Kremlin heir-apparent, arrives in Britain today for a week's visit of international as well as bilateral importance.

The trip is billed as a Parliamentary exchange but will carry weighty East-West and State-to-State overtones in meetings between Mr Gorbachev and Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and other Ministers.

Mr Gorbachev arrives on the eve of fresh disarmament talks between the Soviet Union and the United States in Geneva early next month.

Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, was in London this week for preparatory discussions with Sir Geoffrey about new arms negotiations.

Moscow has said it is ready for "radical solutions" to the arms race. The attention of the United States and Britain's other Nato allies will be closely fixed on Mr Gorbachev's London talks for any sign of what Russia's approach to Geneva might be.

There will also be great curiosity to see Mr Gorbachev, 53, out of his natural habitat and away from the Kremlin camouflage which has blurred perception of who and what he really is.

That he is the youngest member of the ruling Politburo and, as a law graduate, its best educated, has been taken by some analysts to mean he could be a "liberal" waiting for the chance to set Russia on a path of modern reform.

He can be quoted in favour of greater incentives to spur farm and factory output, a wider use of free-market levers, an all-out drive for the latest technology and an intensive overhaul of economic management.

Chance to impress
But Mr Gorbachev has yet to spell out exactly what he would like to be "reformed" he would like to be.

The visit is an important opportunity for Mr Gorbachev to enlarge his personal prestige and to impress Russians back home as much as Governments and people in the West.

In bilateral terms the visit seems to be the most important since 1967 when Mr Kosygin, then Prime Minister, toured Britain.

It gives expression to the remarkable improvement in relations between the two countries since the chill which set in after Russia's invasion of Afghanistan five years ago this month.

Mr Gorbachev's visit paves the way for the planned visit next year by Mr Andrei Gromyko, Foreign Minister, in return for the Foreign Secretary's visit to Moscow last July. A full-scale trip to Moscow by Mrs Thatcher is clearly in prospect, possibly within a year.

Mrs Thatcher, when in Moscow for President Andropov's funeral in February, spoke of building new East-West confidence. The desired upgrading of relations has come more quickly than she would probably have envisaged.

Trade has benefited particularly from the visit. The Prime Minister's visit to Moscow in 1978 was a landmark in the history of Anglo-Soviet relations.

Go-between Thatcher
in round-world trip

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Prime Minister embarks tomorrow on a round of high-level diplomacy with Soviet, Chinese and American leaders which not only enables her to kill three birds with one stone but also gives her a role as a go-between on crucial world issues.

Mrs Thatcher holds talks at Chequers tomorrow with Mr Gorbachev, unofficial deputy to President Chernenko, before embarking on a round-the-world trip in just six days which will include meetings with the Chinese Communist leadership in Peking and with President Reagan at Camp David.

While East-West relations and disarmament form the nearest thing to a common thread, the state of the world and international trade will also figure strongly.

The central event in this week of high-speed diplomacy is the signature in Peking on Wednesday of the Anglo-Chinese agreement on the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty when treaties with Britain expire in 1997.

Shortly after Mrs Thatcher's visit to Peking was arranged it was announced that Mr Gorbachev would be coming to Britain this weekend to head of a Soviet delegation invited by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Successful diplomacy
As plans for the Prime Minister's travels took shape, her suggestion that she should make it a round-the-world trip and call in on Mr Reagan on her way home was warmly accepted in Washington.

This flurry of activity comes at the end of what Mrs Thatcher sees as a highly successful year for British diplomacy, including resolution of the Common Market budget issue, the Hong Kong agreement, and successful talks with Spain over Gibraltar.

Mrs Thatcher's talks with Mr Gorbachev tomorrow, at a meeting attended by a bevy of Ministers or senior officials on both sides, are certain to concentrate heavily on East-West relations and disarmament.

She leaves Heathrow on Monday afternoon on her circumnavigation, thought to be the first by a British Prime Minister, which will keep her in the air for 54 hours.

Her first stop will be Peking where she is expected not only to sign the Hong Kong agreement but to have talks with leaders including Prime Minister Zhao and Deng Xiaoping, the Head of Government.

The Prime Minister, who has visited China twice before, flies on to Hong Kong, Vice-President Bush is meeting before flying to Camp David for some three hours of talks with Mr Reagan.

Mrs Thatcher is expected back in London next Sunday morning.



Mr Mikhail Gorbachev - youngest and best educated member of the Politburo.

Reservations of Europeans on arms talks

By DAVID ADAMSON
Diplomatic Correspondent
in Brussels

FOREIGN MINISTERS of Nato wished Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, bon voyage yesterday to next month's Geneva arms talks with the Soviet Union, but maintained reservations about the consultations the Americans have promised.

The Geneva talks, embracing Euro-missiles, long-range strategic missiles, and futuristic Star Wars weapons, will clearly be complex, and some of the Europeans fear that their own chief concern - the medium-range Euro-missiles - will lose its separate identity.

These anxieties are largely in countries where deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles is still a white-hot political issue - West Germany, Holland, and Belgium.

One problem is that the Soviet criterion for strategic missiles is that they can reach Soviet soil. That puts cruise and Pershing II in the same category as inter-continental missiles, which until talks broke down in Geneva last year dealt with in the separate START talks.

'No reason to change'
Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, bridled yesterday at suggestions that a new mechanism for consultation between the United States and its allies might be needed.

He believed that what worked satisfactorily during the American-Soviet talks in Geneva on Euro-missiles was good enough.

The existing mechanism is the Central Consultative Group, of which the chairman is an American; and Mr Shultz said he saw no reason to change "established ways of consulting."

Mr Shultz's general approach to the Geneva negotiations has been endorsed by the Allies, but he is keeping close his tactical cards for his agenda-setting talks with Mr Gromyko.

The Soviet Union, which broke off both the Euro-missile and the START talks, now appears to want a forum combining them.

Above that important procedural question looms the larger one of how far the Americans will permit the Soviet Union's chief preoccupation - the American venture into "Star Wars" technology - to dominate.

Tests 'presumably on'
Mr Shultz was asked if the United States would go ahead with tests of an advanced anti-satellite weapon in March. The Russians have called for a moratorium on all such tests.

All Mr Shultz would say was that "presumably" the tests would go ahead.

The Europeans will hope for a considerably less than hard-line approach on Star Wars. Any moves towards destroying offensive missiles in space will almost certainly lead to a breach of SALT I, the American-Soviet strategic arms control treaty.

The Russians, however, may already have breached it with a new radar establishment at Krasnoyarsk in the central Soviet Union. Its purpose is believed to be that of spotting missiles fired from submarines.

SOVIET TIRADE
Stockholm conference

OUR STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT reports: The Stockholm Security Conference ended its first day of deliberations yesterday with an unexpected Soviet tirade against Nato in general and West Germany in particular.

Although Nato representatives expressed satisfaction with the last session, during which the Soviet Union and West Germany agreed a working schedule, the Soviet chief delegate, Mr Oleg Gromyko, complained that forces in West Germany were trying to regain territory lost in the 1939-45 war.

This was one of the most dangerous phenomena of European life, disputing existing frontiers, their socio-political systems and other territorial and political realities that had taken shape since the war.

Herr Klaus Citron, of West Germany, strongly denied the Soviet accusation, saying that it had political purposes. "The discussions are due to resume on Jan. 28."

JOURNALIST
HELD IN
S.W. AFRICA

A South-West African journalist, Gwen Lister, 31, was arrested yesterday amid moves to suppress reports that she had mistakenly received inside three envelopes a letter from police telling the local postmaster to intercept her mail for six months in the interests of state security.

Col. Gert Badenhorst, head of the security police in the South-West African (Namibian) capital of Windhoek, confirmed the arrest made under the Official Secrets Act and the Post Office Act, and said he expected a formal charge to be made within two days.

Asked if he thought the letter was genuine or a forgery, Col. Badenhorst said he had no comment. Journalists had copies of the letter - UPI.

BORDER ESCAPE
By Our Munich Correspondent

A 20-year-old East German Army corporal, armed and in uniform, fled unharmed across the heavily-mined border to West Germany, police in Hannover reported yesterday.

Four men and three women had been wounded and 30 people arrested on suspicion of terrorism. The Israeli spokesman added that automatic rifles, ammunition, communications equipment and propaganda material had been found.

But there was criticism in Israel of the action coinciding with talks on the pull-back of Israeli forces from Southern Lebanon and the visit of Mr Richard Murphy, American Assistant Secretary of State, who is trying to help withdrawal through talks with Lebanon and Syria.

Sources close to the government said the action, the largest since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, was motivated by saving Israeli soldiers' lives.

The villages searched included Marea, Burj Rahel, Mar Elias and Tura, known for their collaboration with Shiite guerrillas, according to the authorities.



Mr William Schroeder, the second man to receive an artificial heart, receiving his cheque for social security after he had complained to President Reagan of difficulty in getting payment. The cheque was flown out to the heart hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, soon after Mr Schroeder's conversation with the President, who had telephoned to congratulate him on his recovery.

Election in Belize no comfort for Guatemala

By DAVID SHEARS in Stann Creek, Belize

IN the small seaside town of Stann Creek with its wooden shanties and Chinese restaurants I watched at several polling stations yesterday as Belize, formerly British Honduras, held its first general election since becoming independent three years ago.

As in the Grenada election this month, each voter was required to dip a finger in semi-indelible red ink to show he had voted.

But the precaution seemed unnecessary. A polling clerk, Mr Richard Merzelle, assured me: "We check identity cards against the register, and in any case we know just about everybody."

At mid-morning all was quiet and orderly, but police stood guard at every polling station and the Belize Defence Force had stationed units around the country in case of trouble.

The election result in what was thought to be a close race was not expected until early today. At stake was the future of Mr Manuel Esquivel, Prime Minister, who has dominated Belizean politics for three decades.

Rigging discounted
His People's United party faced a strong challenge from the United Democratic party led by Mr Manuel Esquivel, a physics teacher.

More than 60,000 voters out of the total Belizean population of about 150,000 were expected to go to the 115 polling stations. The main parties put up 28 candidates apiece.

The small Christian Democratic party nominated two, and there were three Independents. Ten additional parties were registered for the election, bringing the total to 28.

Whatever the outcome, Belizeans will resist the predatory claims of neighbouring Guatemala to their territory.

This threat from Guatemala reached its zenith in the late 1970s when an invasion scared Britain to reinforce her garrison and bring in Harrier jump-jet fighters.

The 1,800-strong British garrison remains. Its Harriers patrol the jungle border. Observation posts are manned.

But the threat is waning. Guatemala found so little international support for her territorial claim dating back to the days of Spanish rule in Central America that she has been backing down on the issue for years.

KRUGERRAND FALL
By Our Geneva Correspondent

Sales of South African krugerrand gold coins fell by 28 per cent, from January to October to total 2,360,350 ounces in the world, the Geneva office of the International Gold Corporation said yesterday.

Israel keeps Lebanon
villages under siege

By MAIER ASHER in Jerusalem

SEVEN Shiite Moslem villages in Southern Lebanon were under siege by Israeli forces yesterday as the military authorities told Lebanese leaders that Israel would allow no revival of "Khomeini-inspired terrorism" near its border.

The warning was broadcast amidst heavy tension following village searches and arrests carried out on Thursday.

Military sources confirmed that three Lebanese residents were shot and killed during the searches. They were an armed terrorist and a young woman and another woman earlier killed by villagers, "for family reasons."

Four men and three women had been wounded and 30 people arrested on suspicion of terrorism. The Israeli spokesman added that automatic rifles, ammunition, communications equipment and propaganda material had been found.

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BUDGET RETHINK FOR EEC

By ALAN OSBORN
Common Market

CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS
THE Common Market Commission yesterday abandoned any attempt to solve the EEC's budget crisis and left it to the 10 member Governments to come up with new spending proposals for 1985.

This followed an overwhelming vote by the European Parliament on Thursday to reject the 1985 budget on the grounds that it provided for only 10 months' spending.

The EEC Finance Ministers had approved spending of some £15.5 billion in 1985, which fell far short of the £17 billion wanted by Parliament.

E.C. Governments are prepared to increase spending by £800 million but only on condition that extra income for the Community is agreed next year. This is not guaranteed.

Germany is insisting it will not provide extra income for the EEC until Spain and Portugal become members, and this will certainly not be before the beginning of 1986.

Serious crisis
Commission officials said yesterday that until new spending plans could be agreed, the Common Market would be restricted to spending no more than one-twelfth of the 1984 budget each month.

This might not affect operations much in the early months of the year but would produce a serious financial crisis in the spring when seasonal payments to farmers start picking up.

The vote to reject the budget by the European Parliament was 319 to five, with 16 abstentions. Mr Richard Crotwell, the Conservative Member for Bristol, who voted to accept, said the Parliament was "fighting the wrong battle, for the wrong reasons, on the wrong ground."

Mr Crotwell said: "Like Napoleon on the way back from Moscow, the Council will pick us off group by group as the winter deepens."

Nine other Tory members abstained. They were Mr Christopher Jacqui (Kent East), Mrs Sheila Faith (Cumbria and Lancashire North), Mr Bryan Cassidy (Dorset East and Hampshire West), Mr Andrew Pearce (Cheshire West), Sir James Scott-Hopkins (Hereford and Worcester), Dame Shelagh Roberts (London South West), Mr Madron Selimian (Sussex West), Mr Amede Turner (Suffolk) and Mr John Taylor (Northern Ireland).

DUMAS BOUND
FOR MOSCOW

By Our Staff Correspondent
in Paris

M. Roland Dumas, France's new Foreign Minister, will visit Moscow early next year, to arrange a visit to Paris by President Chernenko, the Russian leader, Le Monde reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the journey had been confirmed "unofficially" both by the Quai d'Orsay and Elysee Palace.

Druze officer shot
OUR BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT writes: Hooded assassins yesterday shot dead a Druze officer of the Lebanese Army in the centre of Moslem West Beirut.

Mr Adel Abu Rabbia was a moderate officer who had stayed out of factional feuding.

'Stay put' appeal is ignored in Bhopal as citizens flee

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

ALL official pleas for the people of Bhopal to stay put when the central Indian city's killer gas plant restarts operations tomorrow appeared to have failed yesterday. The exodus continued.

To help those fleeing the local administration laid out 400 buses in addition to the state services. Special trains also ran.

Such is the fear of another leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant that every patient who could get out of bed and walk was doing so and leaving, said doctors at the city's Hamidia hospital.

So far the disaster at the American-owned plant has caused well over 2,300 deaths and hundreds of thousands of others have been seriously affected. For day the compound of the over-crowded Hamidia hospital was occupied by patients but yesterday the fear of any re-percussion on Sunday left it empty.

The area around the plant in Bhopal was like a ghost town. The people were running away even though they were still suffering from respiratory problems, said doctors at the hospital who did not want to go to the camps provided as "they have no faith in the Government."

To add to its problems the local administration said it had to draft in thousands of police to the city to "prevent lawlessness and looting."

Political fallout
And with a general election due over Christmas leaders of the ruling Congress party yesterday expressed concern over the political fallout from the gas disaster.

Madhya Pradesh states has been a stronghold of the Opposition Right-wing Bharatiya Janata party since Nehru's death in 1964 and the Congress group was struggling even when elections were announced.

Now it faces the gas disaster plus the political and administrative fumbling which has followed both at state as well as the local level.

Journalists who earlier said that Madhya Pradesh, like most of Northern India, was gripped by an "Indira Gandhi wave" as far the elections were concerned, no way that is over.

At first Congress campaigners claimed the plant was sanctioned by the Janata party government. This was abandoned when newspapers pointed out that the factory was approved and built during Congress regimes.

Plans rejected
Premier Jayawadene of Sri Lanka yesterday presented a plan to devolve some powers to the regime in an attempt to pacify Tamil demands for autonomy. But the proposals were rejected by Tamil leaders as inadequate.

The Manner District Citizens Committee, made up of professional Tamils including the Roman Catholic Bishop, has sent a report to President Jayawadene outlining mass killings on Dec. 4, after the ambush of an Army convoy.

Foreign Office denies
'forgetting' 4 in Libya

By JAMES MACMANUS Diplomatic Staff

THE Foreign Office denied yesterday it had neglected four British detainees in Libya.

An accusation of neglect was made mainly by the wife of one of the prisoners, Mrs Carol Russell, 42, whose husband Alan, 49, a teacher, appeared in a Tripoli court on Thursday on charges arising from a telephone call by a BBC World Service reporter.

'Terrible to watch'
From her Ipswich home Mrs Russell a mother of four, said: "My husband and the other prisoners clearly feel abandoned by their Government. It was terrible to watch Alan on television and hear him say he had listened to the BBC for months, waiting to hear of support or protest from home."

We have asked the Foreign Office to send out a special envoy to negotiate on their behalf, but the answer is always "What has been done for the hostages is negligible."

Mrs Russell also said the Foreign Office did not help her with the £600 cost of a visit to the Libya in September when she was briefly allowed to see her husband, held since May.

Last night the Foreign Office, expressing sympathy with Mrs Russell and the families of other detainees, said the Government had used every available channel to make it clear to Libya that the four detainees must be released before any moves towards normal relations.

The Foreign Office spokesman added: "Far from ignoring the detainees, our two diplomats working in our interest section in the Italian Embassy in Tripoli have repeatedly made the point."

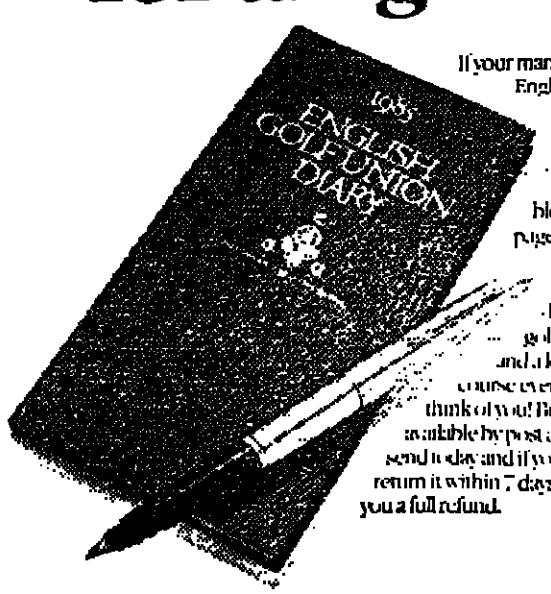
But he also said no concessions would be made to Col. Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to obtain the release of the prisoners. That would set a precedent adverse to all Britons abroad.

Privately the Foreign Office believes the four Britons in Tripoli are, in effect, hostages held against the release of three Libyans held in British jails on charges of causing explosions.

The Foreign Office has also been criticised for not underwriting the cost of legal representation for another detainee, Mr Malcolm Anderson, accused of carrying letters defamatory to the Libyan Government.

A Foreign Office spokesman said there was no request from Mr Anderson's family. The options open to him had been to hire a Libyan lawyer or accept a free court-appointed lawyer, and the family had felt it would be best to accept the court lawyer.

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NHS DRUG LIMIT LIST NOT FINAL, DOCTORS TOLD

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

DRUGS on the limited list of medicines available on the Health Service are being named, "simply as a basis for discussion," Dr Donald Acheson, chief Medical officer for the Health Department, has told doctors.

He has written to all doctors explaining details of the proposed scheme and pointing out "the false nature of some of the misunderstandings which have arisen."

Dr Acheson's action is seen as an attempt to appeal to doctors over the head of the British Medical Association, which is opposed to the limitation scheme, and which has called on family doctors to involve their patients in a campaign against it.

His letter to doctors says the essence of the plan is to limit the range of drugs which can be provided through the Health Service, to include only those which are essential for the treatment of common diseases, such as pain-killers, antibiotics, vitamins and tranquillizers.

Doctors have been sent a provisional list of the drugs to be retained in each category after the scheme comes into effect next April, but Dr Acheson stresses that the list is a basis for consultation with doctors and the drug industry.

He says: "The proposals do not limit the freedom of the profession to prescribe any desired medicine. Doctors will be permitted to prescribe medicines no longer available under the NHS means of a private prescription."

"The majority of these preparations do not in any case require a prescription and can already be obtained by the patient over the counter."

Dr Acheson adds that Mr Fowler, Health and Social Ser-

vices Secretary, will welcome the help of doctors in ensuring that the final list contains an adequate range of effective non-branded drugs sufficient to meet all clinical needs.

The British Medical Association has refused to take part in discussions on what drugs are to be included because it is opposed to the principle of a limited list.

BMA CRITICISED 'Unnecessary fuss'

OUR POLITICAL STAFF writes: Mr Patten, junior Health Minister, said yesterday that the drug companies and the British Medical Association had raised "totally unnecessary fears" about the limited list of Health Service drugs and had overlooked the fact that Britain was the only sizeable country not to impose some controls on the range and numbers of drugs prescribed.

"Most countries apply restrictions across the whole range of drugs, not just the minor drugs covered by these new proposals in the United Kingdom," Mr Patten said at Abingdon.

"Doctors in other countries would, I think, find the unnecessary fuss being made here quite extraordinary."

WAY TO ARREST CRICKET'S DECLINE

SIR—As we survey the decline of English cricket, I wonder if cricket lovers in general, and those responsible for running the game at every level, from small village clubs upwards, appreciate the effect upon the game in schools, arising from educational changes.

Cricket has always been a difficult game in schools. The summer term is short; there are examinations, open days, public holidays, the competing demands of athletics and swimming, together with the cost of equipment and the difficulty in gaining access to suitable playing surfaces.

In the days of the small

secondary school, where perhaps 50 to 50 boys turned out for games at one and the same time, these problems were generally manageable. The presence of similar schools nearby allowed leagues to be organised.

All this has now changed. In the large schools of today, several hundred boys turn out for games at the same time, five days a week. The problems of supplying sufficient equipment and enough space for even a fair proportion of these to play the game are insurmountable.

On the other hand, athletics allows a large number to participate in a fairly small area, and well within the time available. The fine crop of young

athletes who have graced our tracks in recent summers shows where the main effort, performance, has gone. It would be interesting to know what proportion of boys complete their education without ever having had the opportunity to have a bat or a ball in their hands. How many potential Trueman and Compton are included in this number?

A solution is: for every cricket club to have junior coaching schemes, in liaison with the schools, and to run a series of teams for these age groups. Long-term success can only be based on massive participation.

R. F. HODGSON
South Winfield,
Derbs.

Arrogance of the self-styled experts

SIR—I was saddened and annoyed to read the comments of Mr P. M. Brock (Dec. 11). Saddened at his views and annoyed with his apparent arrogance on the subject of controls over head teachers.

I think it would be a sorry day if our lives were entirely governed by the "experts". When my television breaks down I call in the repair man to fix it; I don't expect him to tell me which programmes to watch.

I acknowledge that "parents alone do not always know what is best for their children" in the field of education, but surely there is arrogance in the suggestion that teachers alone do.

Unlike Mr Brock's chiropractors and opticians, teachers have an influence on their pupils which will last a lifetime, and parents who place their children in the hands of these influence-makers are entitled to assess continually standards and ensure that their

children receive the best education possible. On Humber-side, that schools are an important part of the community, and as such the community, through governing bodies, including parents, has an equally important role to fulfil. This is not an attempt to usurp head teachers' authority, rather an exercise in accountability.

If Mr Brock accepts, unreservedly, the advice of "music teachers, dance instructors or indeed specialist instructors of all kinds" without wishing to have an input this is his business; as a parent myself I believe in participation, a synthesis of ideas.

Mr Brock claims: "I know of no other profession where lay people wield so much power." Is not one of the strengths of our education system this contribution of views and ideas? We in local government are always ready to accept sound advice from any quarter. Too many professions which have refused to accept the view of

lay people are finding themselves faced with a barrage of criticism.

I am sorry, Mr Brock, I think you've got it wrong. Education is far too important to be left entirely to any single group. It accounts for too much of the public's expenditure to exclude the public and it accounts for too much, by way of influence, to exclude parents.

T. GERAGHTY
Leader,
Humber-side County Cncl.
County Hall,
Beverley, North Humber-side.

'Oxbridge' solecism

SIR—The word "Oxbridge" would surely have qualified for A. P. Herbert's celebrated censure: "What a word!"

I invite all graduates of Livercheater and Sheffingham to help me to stamp it out.

(Mrs) R. M. MORRIS
Evertton, Hanis.

Parking perils of Sunday trading

SIR—In the contemplation of the merits or otherwise of Sunday trading there is one aspect which seems to have been overlooked.

If stringent parking restrictions are enforced in all our inner cities and towns Sunday will be as any other weekday and I feel that this will be the death knell of our historic city and downtown churches already hard hit in their weekday activities.

Parking, usually relatively easy on a Sunday, will become very difficult, many of those attending worship, including the elderly and the infirm, rely on private cars as public transport is sparse and irregular.

Even if parking restrictions are lifted on Sundays the commercial traffic engendered by such free parking will surely be heavy enough to pre-empt any space.

Do we really want our inner cities and towns to become arid areas of commercialism with no visible signs of a Christian way of life?

I. D. MALLIN-JONES
Brighton.

Measured shooting

SIR—In his recent article headed "How do you measure up to your gun?" Mr Tim Heald writes that the reputation of the great Lord Ripon evidently messed up generations of lesser shots who followed his examples of shooting with both eyes open.

But surely the art of successful shooting at a moving bird is not to put it with one eye but to swing your gun through the line of flight, watching the bird with both eyes.

JAMES GLOVER
Bishopstone, Sussex.
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NHS fails to attract 'new blood' managers

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

GOVERNMENT hopes of bringing executives with experience of management in business or industry into key posts in the National Health Service appear to have been dashed.

Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, has just appointed Mr Victor Pease, chairman of the Port of London Authority, to the £70,000 a year post of chairman of the new NHS Management Board.

But the 14 regional health authorities which were also asked by the Government to appoint general managers have conspicuously failed to bring in new blood.

Thirteen of the 14 which have so far made appointments have all given the jobs to existing NHS administrators, who have been regraded and given rises of £3,000.

The 15th appointment, that

of Mr Kenneth Bales, 53, administrator of West Midlands health Authority, who becomes general manager of the authority at a salary of £28,000, represents a setback for Mr Clarke, Health Minister.

The Government had been particularly anxious to see some of the newly-created posts go to outsiders.

Mr Clarke's go-ahead for the appointment is conditional on the authority agreeing to allow management consultants to examine the regions' structure and management.

He had previously infuriated the health authority by asking the appointments committee to consider 10 other candidates along with Mr Bales.

The list of 10 was supplied by Mr Clarke and P.A. International, the firm of management consultants involved in seeking a businessman to chair the NHS management board.

TV tobacco sponsors 'influence children'

By OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SPONSORSHIP of sporting events by tobacco companies is effectively bypassing the ban on television advertising of cigarettes, the British Medical Association claimed yesterday.

PREGNANCY SCANS GET ALL CLEAR

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

DOCTORS were given the go-ahead to continue giving ultra-sound scans to their pregnant patients by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists yesterday.

The College held an inquiry into the effect of the scans, which provide a moving picture of the foetus without the risk of X-rays, after fears expressed in America that they might be dangerous for the unborn baby.

The report concludes that there is no substantial evidence to suggest that diagnostic ultra-sound scans might be harmful.

The report, details of which were published in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH on Nov. 15, says that the advantages of scanning include early diagnosis of multiple pregnancies and of foetal abnormalities.

Maternal bond
"Finally the experience of seeing the baby on the screen, identifying movements and recognising anatomical features increases maternal, and perhaps paternal, bonding and may help to reduce tension."

It says, however, that mothers should not be persuaded to have ultra-sound scans against their will.

"Commercial exploitation of ante-natal scanning by poorly trained personnel merely to let the parents 'see the baby' is to be deplored."

The Medical Research Council is also holding an investigation into the safety of ultra-sound scans and pending its findings, the Health Department has advised doctors not to give the scans on a routine basis.

It calls for sports sponsorship by the tobacco industry to be phased out and rejects suggestions that sport would collapse without it.

The BMA attack was timed to coincide with publication of two surveys of children's knowledge of cigarette brands.

The first survey, involving 880 secondary school boys and girls in Greater Manchester, was carried out 2-3 weeks after snooker sponsored by Benson and Hedges was shown on BBC Television.

The children were asked to name the cigarette brands they knew. Benson and Hedges came top of the list.

100 hrs of coverage
A second survey was carried out in the week following the end of the Embassy world snooker championship which had more than 100 hours of television coverage in April and May.

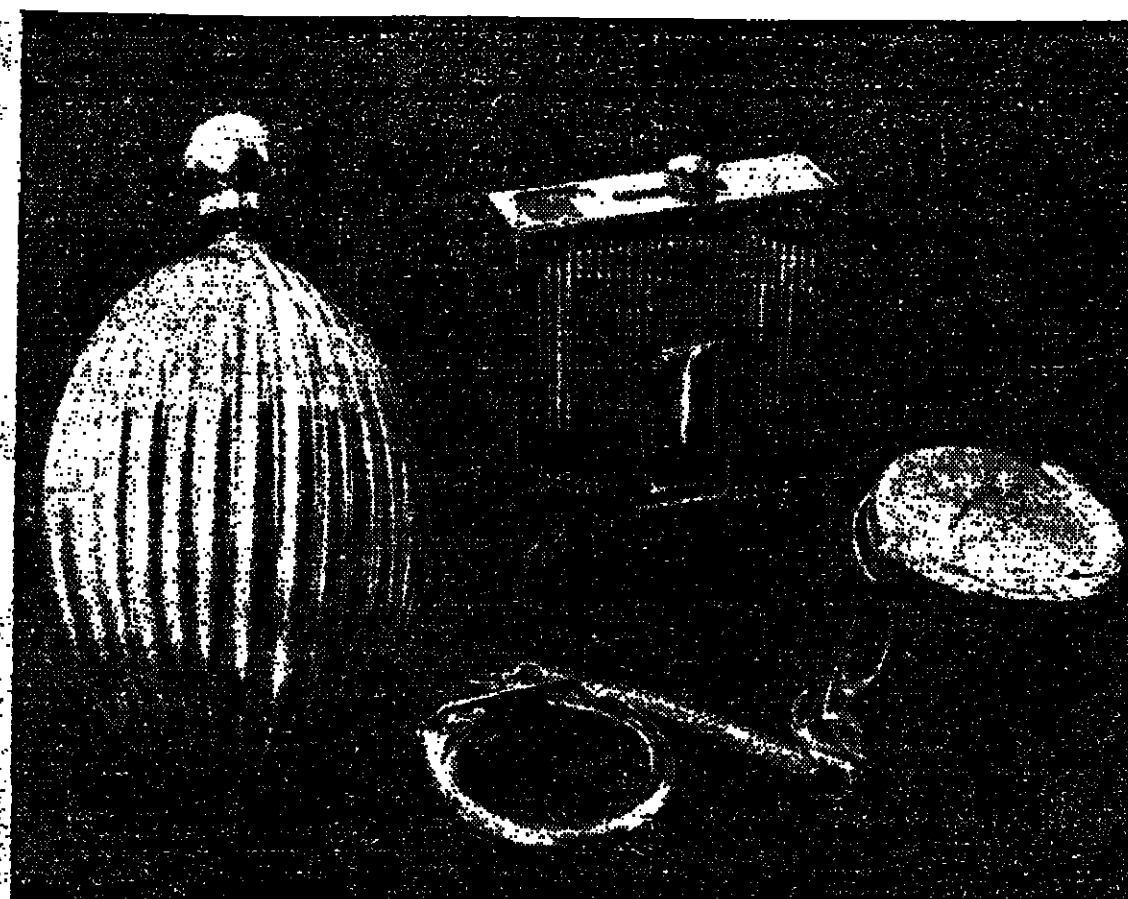
It found no increase in the proportion of children recalling the Benson and Hedges brand but there was an increase in the recall of Embassy.

Dr Frank Ledwith of the education department at Manchester University, who carried out the research, said the sponsorship had been shown to act as cigarette advertising to children.

Law circumvented
"There would thus appear to be good grounds for calling for the cessation of tobacco sports sponsorship on TV so as to prevent further circumvention of the law banning the TV advertising of cigarettes."

The BMA is running a major campaign against cigarette smoking as the greatest single preventable cause of premature death and ill-health.

Dr Donald Acheson, Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health, said earlier this week that cigarette smoking causes about 100,000 deaths a year.



PRETTY USEFUL

SMALL silver-plated presents look expensive yet often represent incredibly good value, writes ANN CHUBB. And items that are not only pretty but useful, too, will be especially appreciated over the Christmas holiday—and after it.

Take the wonderful range of decorative corks for both wine and champagne bottles that you can find at Thomas Goode, for instance. And no one can own too many corkscrews and bottle-openers.

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In picture RIGHT, from top left clockwise: silver-plated pickle claw, £3.50; double measuring cup £6.50; cork screw £14.95; bottle opener £12.95, all from Harvey Nichols; champagne cork £14.95, fox cork stopper £4.95, both from Thomas Goode, 19 South Audley Street, London W1.

Pictures by PAUL ARMIGER

Hard lessons from Victorian times

A CHRISTMAS classroom of the 1890s was recreated for an unusual history lesson this week when 30 children turned back the clock to experience what school was like in Macclesfield, Cheshire, nearly 100 years ago.

The lesson marked an important milestone in the restoration of an 1813 Sunday School which, over the next two years, will become a museum and heritage centre for what was once the town's main industry, silk.

Project administrator Tony Newton is keen that the centre should offer more than just conventional exhibits and audio-visual displays. He said: "This Sunday School once played a vital role in the life of the town and provided thousands of children who worked in the Macclesfield silk mills with their only formal education."

It is planned that the £500,000 restoration scheme will enable the four-storey building to become a focal point for the community once again, with meeting rooms for local organisations, an exhibition area, a library and a magnificent gallery assembly hall, which it is hoped will be the permanent base of the Northern Symphony Orchestra.

The tea room is already doing brisk trade and local groups are hiring meeting rooms. This week, 30 eight-year-olds from Lostock Hall Primary School, Poynton, became the first pupils to sample a taste of Victorian schooldays in the renovated classroom.

Educational interpreter



Picture by MIKE ARRON

● LEFT: Arithmetic lessons in a Victorian schoolroom recently restored in a 19th-century Sunday School in Macclesfield. Mr Hedley Cleaver is a retired local head teacher who voluntarily researched education of the period and sought out authentic schoolroom equipment.

BY JUDI GOODWIN

Les Robinson was "teacher," dressed in 19th-century costume, and the girls wore Victorian-style smocks.

Les Robinson said: "The exercise was somewhere between a theatrical production and a lesson, because we wanted to encourage the children to relive the discipline and suppression of Victorian times. This gives them first-hand experience of the period and we hope it is more real to them than anything they can pick up from reading about it."

The lesson began after an inspection for clean hands and clean shoes and the children sat at some of the Sunday School's

original desks and benches. On the walls were maps and good behaviour mottoes and the pupils did sums on slates, then practised copperplate handwriting using unfamiliar pen and ink and blotters.

Naturally, they found it a very different atmosphere from their modern, carpeted, open-plan school, where their class teacher, Margaret Courtman, uses a less formal approach.

"The discipline was strange to the children because they are normally encouraged to work on their own, organising their activities for themselves," she said. "They

are not used to chanting because we want to train them not just to know lists of facts but to be able to think and form opinions."

Though the children enjoyed their morning none would have liked to have been born in Victorian times.

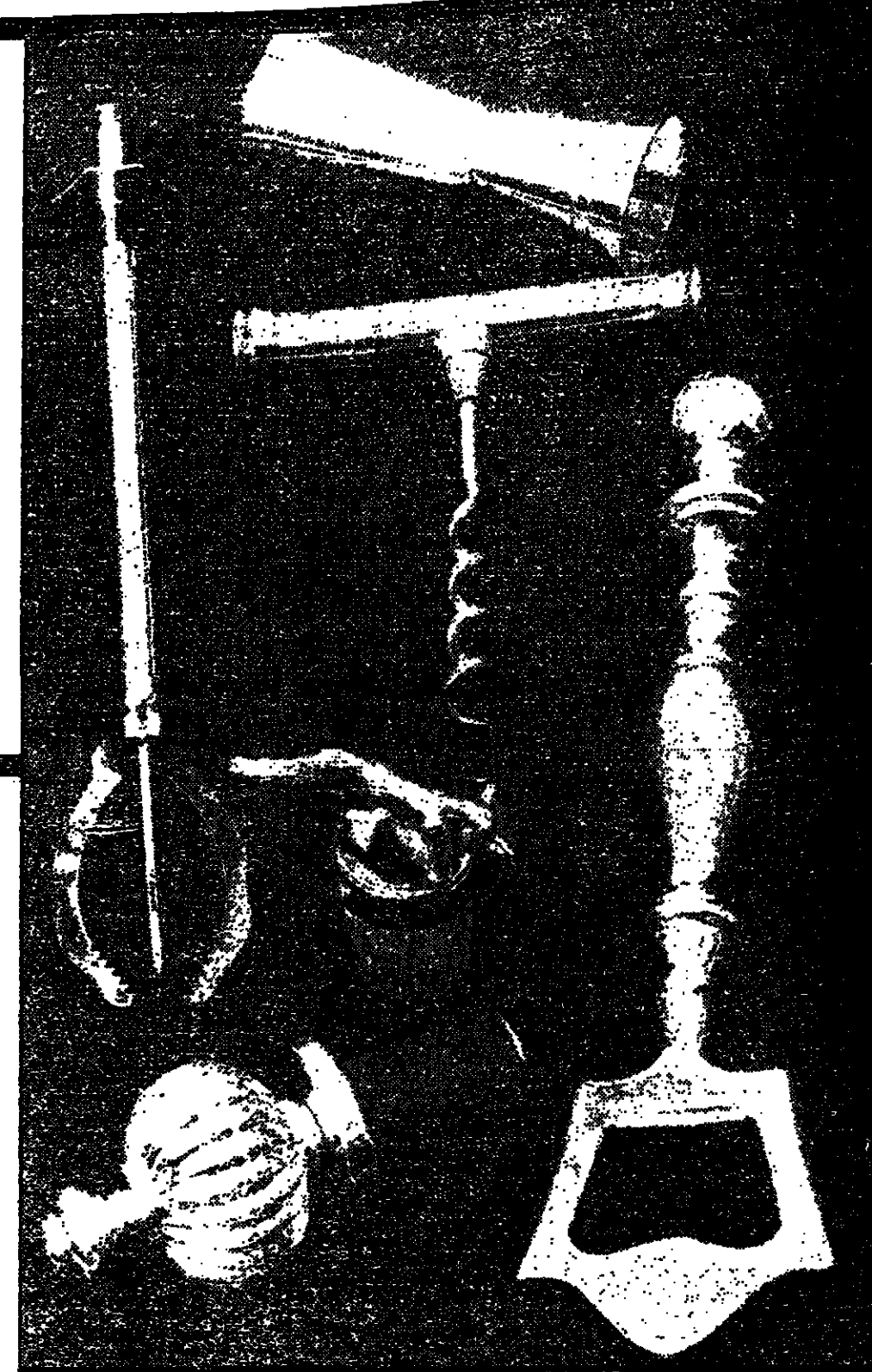
Melissa Jowers, aged eight, commented: "The teacher was strict and you had to sit up straight all the time and keep your hands behind your back. The children worked hard in the mills and got diseases. And they had to say 'Yes, Mam' to the teacher and always have a clean handkerchief."

More school visits are

planned in the new year and education officer Karen de Lewandowicz and her staff hope to develop the use of the assembly hall to produce young peoples' plays on the history of the town and run a Saturday club.

The education team and all the Heritage Centre staff are financed by Manpower Services and the project is funded by the community and local industry as well as local authorities and government.

Donations of £160,000 are still required but plans are well in hand for the next phase of the Sunday School, scheduled for February next year. This will include an exhibition of the town's history, the story of the Sunday School itself and a tourist information centre.



Village life: is it all it seems?

WHEN I moved from London to the depths of the countryside 10 years ago I had no illusions about the physical hardships of country life. I did harbour, though, some major misconceptions about country people.

I accepted the myth that townspeople had been corrupted by city life and that out there in the backwoods people retained the real values of supportive communities and stable family life, while they enjoyed the satisfaction of a hard life of toil and lived by the simple wisdom acquired by being close to the soil, the seasons and God.

Yet our new neighbours formed an inward-looking community with a deep distrust of strangers. They feared that outsiders would push up property prices, fill scarce jobs and put pressure on sketchy local services. Far from being welcomed with open arms, we were greeted by closed faces and wary, side-long glances.

We learned quickly that a countryman's word is not his bond, but can be a polite way of saying "no" or of keeping his options open. There was little sign of mutual support: indeed the

community seemed bent on destroying itself. The bus service was withdrawn because people preferred to save 2p and walk to the main road.

Then the village shop closed because the locals declared that no-one was going to make money out of them by charging 5p more for a bag of flour than the town supermarket did.

The local pub still survives but, instead of being full of

of their fruit cakes and the skill of their flower arrangements. Only men talk of important matters and, if you venture an opinion on anything more serious than food prices, you are asked if you want a soapbox.

Slowly we have come to terms with the people and made some friends. Evening classes organised by the local university provided the intellectual interest I was seeking.

We have become fairly regular churchgoers and we are now accepted as associates, if not full-fledged members of the community.

There are more newcomers now. They wince through the village in their Volvo Estates, mow the verges outside their homes, resist even the most essential changes in the area and complain about farmers blocking footpaths.

Occasionally, they come into the pub and buy drinks for the not-so-local customers and wait for the pearls of rural wisdom. As they leave, teeth are clenched, eyes narrow and we mutter: "Who do they think they are?"

Mary Jefferson

VIEWPOINT

canny locals, it has a sparse clientele of rheumy-eyed cider drinkers and foul-mouthed lorry drivers from the nearest town, who are there because the beer is 3p a pint cheaper.

In the village, spying, prying and backbiting is the order of the day as they watch to see what time their neighbours hang out their washing and refuse to talk to each other for the most trivial reasons. Little escapes the scanning eyes.

Women are assessed on how well they iron their husbands' shirts, the richness

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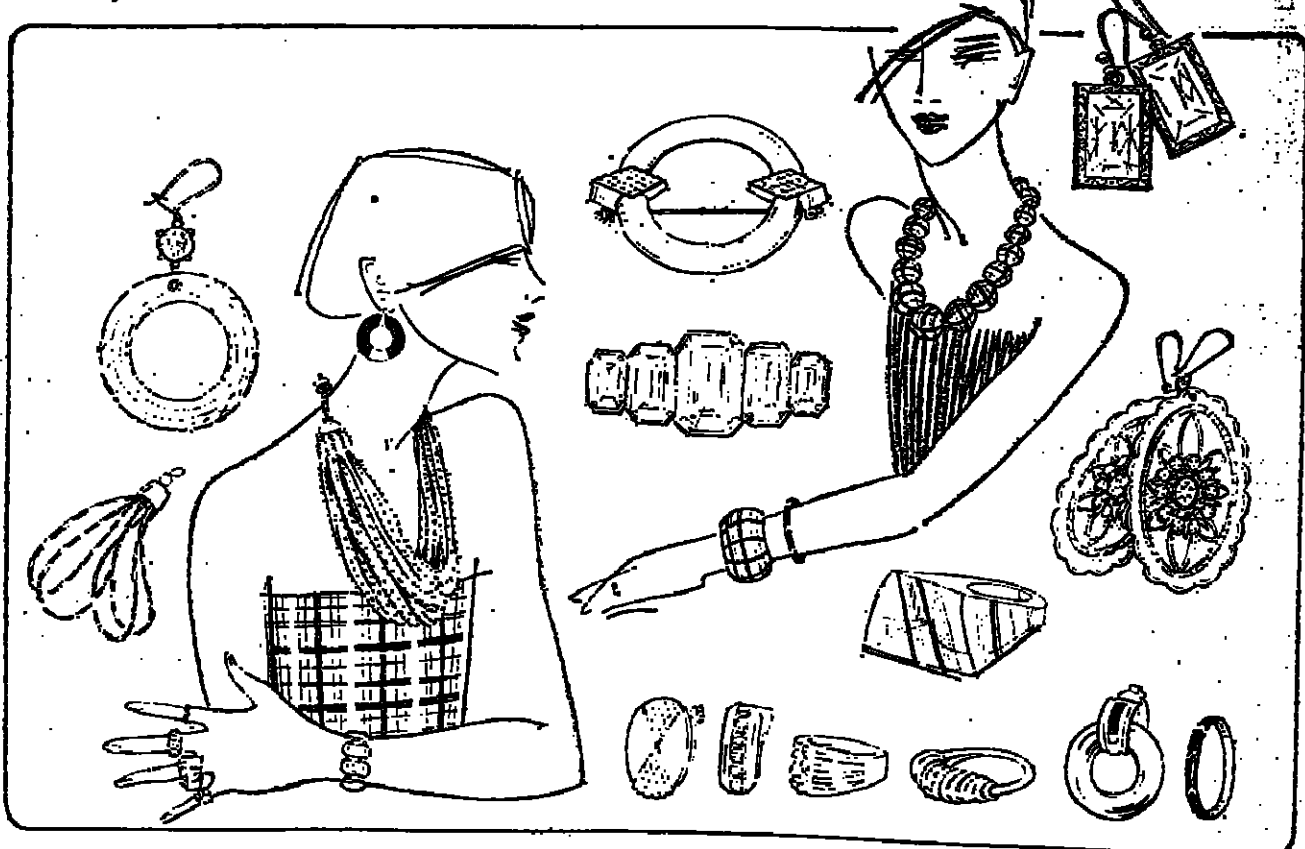
Offer him mistletoe and he'd eat it.



Save the Children

THE FESTIVE SPARKLERS

Sketch by KAREN BECK



SPARKLE a-plenty is many men's easy Christmas Eve solution to the Loved One's gift. This sketch of the current costume jewellery winners around London should steer him: rock crystal, Liqueur-look crystal, are newer than solo diamanté and copper is looming large for spring. Goodies here from £1.95 up, should work for girlfriend gifts as well as those from well-heeled husbands.

SERENA SINCLAIR

SKETCHED, clockwise from far left: loop earrings, multi-coloured bugle beads, £1.95; Lucite gipsy drop with diamanté stone, £6.50; both from Liberty. Liqueur-look circular brooch with twin diamanté diamonds, £35, from Ken Lane, South Molton Street, London W1.

On girl, right: Green, red and yellow tartan necklace (£17.95), bracelet £4.95, from Fenwick. Black ring £6 and bangle £12.50, from Ken Lane.

Engraved steel-frame glass rectangle earrings £5.95 and steel oval earrings sprinkled with diamanté £7.95, both from Fenwick.

Earrings, bottom sketch: quartered gold and

diamanté £19.50, tailored clip earring, gold with strip of diamanté £11, gold with diamanté ring £17.50, ribbed gold with centre of diamanté £13.25, earclip in silver with gold and jet top £22.50 and black metal ring with gold notches £6, all from Ken Lane.

On girl, left: Multi-strand black seed-head necklace (fastened with silk cord) £15.95 from Liberty. Mock copper stretch bracelet from the same store £7.95, wood and silver earring £5.95.

Centre of drawing: five-stones mock-topaz brooch £4.95, from Fenwick, and (below girl's arm) mock-Sixties striped plastic ring £3.95, from Liberty.

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LABOUR TO THE SIDELINES

MR GUMMER THINKS it was "quite a good result in a by-election at this time." David Steel thinks it was "in the circumstances a very good result." Labour, like Poshum, is laying low and saying nothing. All of which sums up the outcome of the Southgate by-election with a fair degree of accuracy. For the Government a majority of 5,000 on a 50 per cent. poll is perfectly respectable; while for the Liberals a 50 per cent. increase in their vote is rather more than just respectable. For Labour yet another lost deposit—their third in seven by-elections so far in this Parliament—is, quite simply, horrible. Eighteen months into HAROLD MACMILLAN's second Administration, Labour contrived a decent second place in all four simultaneous by-elections in safe Tory seats.

By-elections are of far more psychological than statistical significance. All sorts of special circumstances are liable to be magnified by the impact of tactical voting and the knowledge that the choice of Government is not at stake. Had the by-election been caused by the departure of the former Member for, let us say, the feshpots of Brussels, instead of his brutal murder in a terrorist outrage, all experience suggests it might have been a close-run thing. As it is the Government's business managers will disperse their troops for Christmas with a sigh of relief.

Yet if all the seven by-elections of this Parliament are assessed together one deduction begins to be apparent which is not as yet reflected in the regular opinion polls. And that is that over most of England, from the Borders to the Channel, the Labour party is beginning to appear as an irrelevance. In Scotland, the Welsh valleys, and some inner-city areas Labour's grip may still be unimpaired. But elsewhere the Alliance is widely perceived to be the challenger to Government. For the Tory party this is not a particularly reassuring message, since the fear of Labour's militants has long been a vital ingredient in the Tory vote. Yet for the country at large the confirmation that the battle lines in future will be drawn between two parties equally committed to promote a successful mixed economy would be a prize of great worth.

SET FREE

THE DECISION OF A FEDERAL JUDGE in New York is that a convicted murderer, one DONOVAN, is not to be extradited because, in the words of Judge Sproule, "the facts of the case present the assertion of the political offence exception in its most classic form." From such classic forms and judges, good Lord deliver us. The man was convicted. The quality of an American law below the Supreme Court is of a genuinely mixed and uncertain sort, often good, often influenced by political factors. But the judge is able to make such a decision because the international law upon which it was based has archaic roots. The idea of the fugitive seeking political asylum or indeed evading persecution has great appeal here as well as in America. We are influenced by folk memories—of black slaves seeking the refuge of the free states, of Jews in flight from the pogroms of Tsarist Russia, indeed of those who have sought a decent life away from the repression of post-Tsarist Russia. With rare exceptions like the fearful Lienzmercy shown to Ukrainian refugees by the representative of the British Cabinet at the end of the war, we also warm to the idea of the refugee. But Donovan is a murderer. He has been convicted in a proper court of law. Donovan is not a political refugee. He is a refugee from brutal British colonial oppression. (New York, let us not forget, is a city in which it is thought impolitic for the Union flag to hang beside those of other allied countries.)

What should be done is obvious. Whether there is any point in doing it when dealing with a legal system as politically sensitive as that of America is another matter. International law should be amended, something which could be done in a short conference, involving the federal democracies. All that is required is that a prima facie case of murder or attempted murder should be expressly excluded from "political offence" exception. We deport murderers. We expect better people to do so. Otherwise we are heading for a revenge situation in which a criminal with political entitlements who has killed in the United States, might cease to appear the indefensible offender he does today. The United States Government should know that British people, much patronised but still wanting to be friends, feel great anger at this gross decision.

Attention

By the Very Rev. MICHAEL STANCLIFF
Dean of Winchester

REAL listening requires not only expectancy but also giving all possible attention to the sounds we hear as long as they last. Obvious enough, and easily said; but less easily done, for attention is something which can quickly be lost—or, more accurately, drawn away to something else.

At the root of the word is the idea of tension. Those hearing with attention are stretching towards one particular source of sound to the exclusion of all else. The listener is intent, tightly, and still as stone, to receive the music, words or whatever. But there's nothing still about his mind which reaches out deliberately and continuously to those to whom he is listening. A speaker soon knows when he has the attention of his audience. They are "with him," and all eyes. You can hear a pin drop. People listened to Jesus like that: they "hung upon his words" (Luke 14:34).

For many of us today the effort of such listening is too demanding. When our attention begins to wander we excuse ourselves that the speaker is inaudible, or doesn't make himself clear, or he is boring—we've heard it all before and there's nothing novel to catch and hold our interest. So we switch off. Which is only another way of saying I can't be bothered to listen if I don't get what I want loud, clear, fresh and quick. I no longer have faith in the speaker that he will sooner or later say something—perhaps only one sentence—of real relevance to me and not to be missed.

When it comes to listening to God speaking to us in our prayers, through the Bible or through the words of his prophets, saints and present-day messengers, we may think we can hear nothing. Is the fault always in those who are his mouthpieces today? Or is it our own lack of attention?

Do I believe, and realise, that in this particular and very familiar extract from the Gospels to which I'm half-attending God is saying something which he means for me in my personal situation as a Christian this very day? What is it?

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COMMENTARY

Ferdinand Mount

LIKE CHRISTMAS shopping and the football season, the Budget debate seems to grow longer every year. There used to be no more than a cursory discussion before Ash Wednesday. Now the hubbub is fortifying by the preceding Advent.

This ought to be a good thing. If Mr Lawson really intends to put VAT on food or newspapers or to remove some of the concessions on housing schemes in order to cut down the tax, then there should be a thorough public argument about it.

But in practice what tends to happen is a crude alternative of squawks from the relevant lobby and soothing pledges from the Prime Minister. Avenues are blocked off before they have been explored; stones are left distinctly unturned.

Mrs Thatcher has already promised not to put VAT on food (although taking away food VAT had now not to put VAT on new housing). Mr Lawson himself has promised not to tax lump-sum pension repayments retrospectively (which suggests he might still tax them prospectively).

All this is a natural response to political pressure. It is under the same pressure that the Prime Minister has reiterated her belief that income tax cuts are the answer to unemployment.

Thus the Government appears to be drifting towards a tricky situation. With a sound fiscal policy, there will be little room to cut taxes if Mr Lawson is not allowed to raise the tax privileges and exemptions which still disfigure the system, and what room there is (Mr Lawson's famous £1,500 million) will be taken up in raising the income tax thresholds for everybody.

That will not do—either for the unemployed or for the Government.

Raising income tax thresholds by a relatively trifling amount will have an even more trifling effect on unemployment. To put it in figures: £1,500 million off income tax is reckoned to produce only about 50,000 extra jobs.

If the same £1,500 million were spent on the Community Programme for the long-term unemployed, it would provide work for 500,000 people and probably more.

Indeed, that sort of expenditure would carry the Government quite close to abolishing involuntary unemployment for the million-plus people who have been out of work for a year or more. There would be something to do for everyone who felt like it.

The Community Programme is very far from perfect. Its worst feature (originating from the involvement of the TUC) is that the local union rate for the job has to be paid. Thus the programme sets the worst of both worlds. While the (mostly part-time) work it offers is still written off by some Ministers as "not real jobs," it is remunerated at all too real rates of pay.

Yet a canal or coastal path cleared, or a pensioner's loft insulated, or an allotment dug is just as much a real addition to the nation's wealth as any other service performed.

Rumours of the death of the work ethic have been much exaggerated. It is in tune with most people's sense of justice that the State should offer "fallback income," just as it offers fallback income to people who have lost their jobs—not least because it is the State's own tangle of taxes and regulations which is largely responsible for the rise of unemployment in the first place.

THE CHINESE authorities panicked last week and corrected the statement in the PEOPLE'S DAILY that "we cannot depend on the works of Marx and Lenin to solve our modern-day questions." The statement apparently should have read "all of our modern-day questions."

The correction is much less important than it seems. For we are still left with the crucial preamble: "Marx died 100 years ago. His works are more than a century old."

Statements of Marx from demagogic nineteenth-century Marxists are far more damaging to Marxism than any refutation by Western scholars, however brilliant.

For the Chinese are thereby denying the claims of Marxism to be a science which is the key to all truths. To shove Marx firmly back into his times and so to endow him with the prejudices and blindfolds of his contemporaries is the first step to putting him on the shelf.

THERE IS something about lunch in the dining-car. Perhaps it is the brown Windsor soup served in the heavy British Rail china. Or the strange white sauce which enrobes the fish. I know it is the radishes and the celery which come with the cheese—and the feeling of being away from it all.

Not unnaturally, British Rail is moving briskly to deal with this remnant of the pleasures of rail travel.

In the New Year, in order to "improve the service" on the London Midland region, first-class passengers will be served "airline-style" meals in their seats. Second-class travellers will have to queue in the buffet.

In a statement which wins the Newspaper Challenge Cup for 1984, British Rail explains: "The experiment in modular catering will provide a far better service."

Why, so it will. If modular catering be the food of love, play on, give us excess of it.

TIM HEALD catches up with Geoffrey Moorhouse

A Cook's tour to a North West Frontier

AS Geoffrey Moorhouse remarked wryly the other day, literary London might almost be on the verge of regarding him as a "real writer"—not the same as a poet or a playwright, of course, but several prizes up the esteem scale from being a "mere" journalist, which is what he was before he took to books.

He now finds himself the winner of this year's Thomas Cook award for travel writing, a thoroughly well-deserved accolade for his book about the North-West Frontier. It's curious that so little attention has been paid to this because since Paul Theroux published his first book of train journeys, travel writing has become positively fashionable.

A year or so ago he left his home and haunts in Hertfordshire and London and moved to Gayle, a little village of houses in Wensleydale, where Nikolaus Pevsner says is "almost as intricate as an Italian stone village." There on his own North West Frontier he lives with Marilyn, the third Mrs Moorhouse, in a sturdy 200-year-old house which, when I visited him, withstood the buffeting gale with never a creak or rattle.

It seemed a rather appropriate home for a man who once rode a camel across the Sahara. You have to be slightly bloody-minded and a little bit batty to pull that off, and I felt a bit like that about Gayle and the Moorhouse house. Battly to build anything in such a wilderness, however beautiful; bloody-minded to survive.

PART of the attraction of the setting is the walking. At the end of the garden is a signpost. The left pointing arm says "Penguin Way" and so does the right. Like any self-respecting winner of a Thomas Cook award, he's a serious walker and on a blustery November morning took me up the Dodd Fell and back down the Cam Road, part of the Roman road from Lancaster to Richmond, and then home down the steep slope of Wether Fell. Eighteen miles.

Every so often we would stop for a piece of Kendal mint cake and he would wave his stick expansively in the direction of Wharfedale Chase or some other bluntly craggy northerly named feature and shout "Aren't I lucky!" into the teeth of the gale.

"To the Frontier," Hodder and Stoughton, 29.95.

From Russia with laughs—and the KGB

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, the Kremlin number two, comes to London today with a delegation of 21 including several so-called Soviet M.P.s, two generals, his own doctor, and Leonid Zamyatin his "Press spokesman."

Zamyatin, head of the Communist party's international information department, became the laughing stock among western correspondents in Moscow by insisting that his boss, Yuri Andropov, was merely suffering from a cold two days before the Soviet President died. Since then, understandably, Zamyatin has steadily lost influence.

The tip KGB man with the delegation is Major General N. D. Rogov, officially described as Gorbachev's "chief of staff."

But my man-to-watch is Ivan Strelchenko, a coal-miner from the Donbass region which has contributed generously to Scargill's strike-funds. Will he want to join a picket? Will he publicly back Comrade Scargill?

The Foreign Office is still undecided whether his inclusion on the delegation is deliberate provocation or Soviet sense of humour.

Whistling in the dark

ALTHOUGH the Government is publicly confident that the miners' strike will not produce power cuts this winter I gather that the Central Electricity Generating Board is not so self-assured.

Pinned on the notice boards of its Newcastle Street headquarters is a memo marked "Not for publication outside the CEBG" which reminds staff of "the efforts being made by the board to ensure the continuing availability of electricity supplies during the miners' strike."

"We at headquarters can make a small but positive contribution to the aim... by economising in the use of electricity... Please be particularly careful by switching off lights whenever rooms are not occupied and minimising the use of kettles and other electrical appliances."

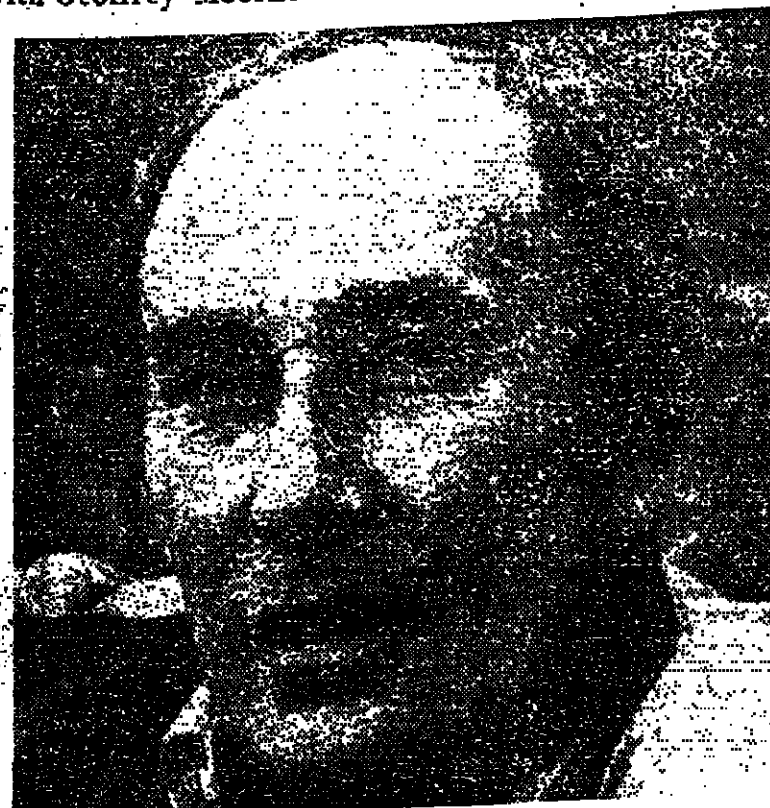
Buy your candles now.

The Law Society leaflet entitled "How the Law Affects You" contains the advice under the sub-heading "Business Investment" which reads: "It is necessary to consult a professional adviser before making an application to invest in a fraud."

For those in peril

A SPLENDIDLY Irish twist has emerged in the case of the gun-running Irish trawler Marita Ann which ended this week with 10-year jail sentences for the skipper and two crew members at Dublin's Special Criminal Court.

When a boarding party from the Irish navy corvette Emer took control of the trawler they ordered it to make full steam ahead for port. But



Although this is Yorkshire and he is Lancashire through and through it is very much home turf. Hill country. He was brought up around Bolton and Bury, on the other side of the hills, but they are the same hills and at 52 he says if he can have another 20 years living here and seldom stirring as far as Lancaster left alone London he'd die happy.

Already you can feel his writer's antennae twitching. Down the lane at Aysgarth where we went to buy proper farm-made Blue Wensleydale and Swaledale cheese there's an old mill by the waterfall. "Do you know," he says, "they made the material for Garibaldi's red shirts here. Now why would Garibaldi get his shirts in Aysgarth?"

He had good stories too of Raymond, the postmaster, and their arguments about Geoffrey Boycott, of the children from an isolated farm who came to school one day got stuck in a snowstorm and couldn't get home for nine weeks; of the Bainbridge horn blower. "Are you going to write about Wensleydale?" I asked suspiciously. He looked mischievous. "Not yet," he said.

It was a terrible thing for a working class lad like him to become something as airy fairy as a writer and journalist. The careers master at Bury Grammar School told him he should go into a bank. Young Geoffrey said he thought that might be rather dull and in any case, he wanted to travel. The careers master looked sage. "Barclays have branches in Lagos," he said. But he didn't go into banking. He joined the BOLTON EVENING NEWS and then went to New Zealand, where he worked for various papers.

Back home he joined the northern edition of the NEWS CHRONICLE and then became a sub-editor on the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. He talks about the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN—note the Manchester—with the same reverence he shows for Bolton Wanderers and Lancashire cricket.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

the Marita Ann did not budge an inch. Divers discovered that her propeller had dropped off and she was unceremoniously towed into harbour.

If the Marita Ann, with its cargo of guns destined for the IRA, had not been arrested by the Emer, the chances are that she would have been called upon to rescue her.

Mission to explain

BRITISH TELECOM, in its privately-owned form might like to take a leaf from the book of the Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Corporation which recently had a cable fire which cut off 84,000 subscribers in the Tokyo suburb of Setagaya-ku.

The corporation despatched 1,700 employees to bow deeply, offer a letter of apology and explanation and present a towel as a token gift to each of the affected customers.

Protecting interests

CLAUDE TAITTINGER, the champagne house patriarch, has been telling me of some of the problems which he is facing with the name associated with the finer things of life.

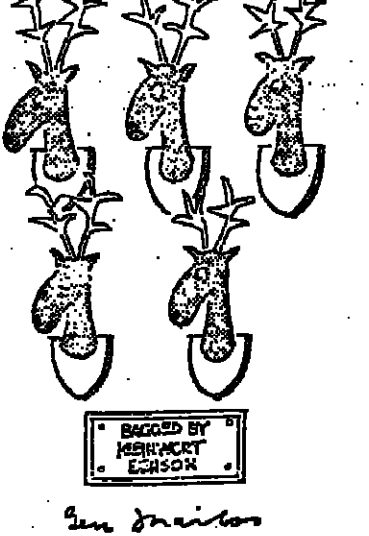
Recently, on a trip to America, he was surprised to come upon a restaurant which bore his jealously-guarded family name. Curious, he entered the place and gave it the Gallic once-over.

The proprietor sensing with a sinking heart that Taittinger did not take to what he saw, tried to bluster his way out saying "Buddy, I stole your name but you gotta be flattered." Taittinger was not—he is suing.

No stalling

HORSES ARE rarely known for their memory but the remarkable recall of a pair in a first world war gun team, Jones and Joubert, is justly recorded in Regimental Heritage, a new book celebrating the Royal Artillery.

The two horses left Aldershot in



1914 and served in France throughout the war and were never sick or sorry.

They returned to England in November 1919. When they arrived back on the square of the barracks which they had left five years before the battery commander had the pair unhooked and set loose while all watched to see what would happen.

They both walked composedly forward and went straight, not only to their stable, but into their old stalls.

Measured delivery

ONE of the Post Office's most prestigious rounds—delivering HANSARD every morning to M.P.s within three miles of Westminster—known colloquially as "on the stones" because of the area's formerly cobbled streets—is to be taken over by Commons staff, saving the taxpayer thousands of pounds.

Commons staff already deliver the Vote to M.P.s daily and they are now expected to double-up and take on the HANSARD run at the same time, with a considerable saving in Parliamentary costs early in the New Year.

Such is the demand for Lord Stockton's maiden speech in the House of Lords that subscribers to HANSARD may have a valuable collectors' item. The text of his speech has been reprinted twice and has again gone out of stock. There are no plans for a reprint so, I predict, it will soon command a considerable premium among collectors of political memorabilia.

Peer on the beat

LORD NELSON, the 9th Earl, took his seat in the House of Lords this week adding to the Upper House's already sizeable police presence as he is a detective sergeant in the Hertfordshire force.

The Lords, who always proudly boast that they have far greater practical expertise than the Commons, now have three serving policemen.

Lord Carterley, a member of the West Yorkshire Police, can speak with authority about the picket lines in the coal strike, the 7th Earl of Rosslyn is in the Metropolitan Police while Lord Strathnaver was a member of the same force for five years.

Lord Inglewood, who speaks on police matters, tells me that he was turned down as a "special" in Britain. So in order to get some practical experience of day-to-day police he signed up as a "special" with a German force.

Time is out of joint...

"HAVE YOU tried our traditional Sunday lunches?" asks an advertisement for the Ship Inn at Acacia Mallis near York. "Monday to Saturday evening—last orders 4.30 p.m."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS

Housing intentions at Stansted

SIR—Evidence collated by the Department of the Environment relating to the condition of the nation's housing stock witnesses to the fact that dilapidation is outstripping current programmes of improvement and renewal.

During the last few years housing programmes have borne the major part of public expenditure cuts and the incidence of identified homelessness has increased.

Against such a background many local housing authorities will view the recommended development at Stansted with concern and dismay. In his report Mr Graham Eyre, O.C. estimates that a projected capacity of 15 million passengers a year would require the construction of some 10,000 new homes and if capacity were boosted to 25 million passengers some 17,000 new homes might be required.

The evidence presented to the inquiry by the Department of the Environment made it clear that development at and around Stansted should be facilitated by a re-allocation or re-distribution of resources and the Government could not be committed to provide new additional capital investment.

Local housing authorities simply cannot afford further reduction in capital investment available to tackle existing housing problems and it would be a most cruel irony if having been advised by Government to face the reality of limitation upon that which the nation can afford, it was now to be suggested that, from already depleted resources, housing authorities around the country could afford to fund Stansted.

ERIC PATTON
Chairman N.W. Regional Exec. Ctee.
Nat. Housing Town Planning Ctee.
Salford, Gtr. Manchester.

Speed on motorways

SIR—Following the recent M25 traffic accident, I must express concern over the standard of driving on Britain's motorways.

Living in South London and commuting to work as a pilot at Gatwick Airport, I travel along the M25 at different times of day and night.

It never ceases to amaze me how many drivers break the limit on the road. Cars seldom maintain adequate separation from one another, and it is not uncommon for lorries to overtake at speeds in excess of 70 m.p.h.

Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, recently stated that in her opinion the motorways are properly policed. This I cannot accept.

The county constabularies have neither the time, money nor manpower to concentrate on enforcing motorway laws and apprehending those who violate them. Long ago this should have been made the responsibility of an independent traffic police authority.

I have just returned from the United States where highways are patrolled by separate State Departments. In Texas, for example, the Department of Public Safety enforces the national speed limit of 55 m.p.h. Department of Highway Patrol cars are very much in evidence on the roads, and general public awareness of the police seems to deter motorists from breaking the law.

Surely it is time to stop the dangerous driver on Britain's motorways. Law enforcement must be a priority.

TIM ROBINS
Bromley, Kent.

Threats to the hunt

SIR—Mr Adrian Berry (article Dec. 10) advises hunts to advertise their meeting places in code so that anti-hunt squads, armed with clubs and worse, will not be able to harm them. His advice is sensible, given the increasing prevalence of violent attacks on hunt followers, their vehicles and even, ironically, their horses. But his article raises a number of points.

Hunting is a legal activity with a long history. It happens to be more popular now than ever before. It takes place with the permission of landowners and is a public activity with nothing to hide.

Why should hunts have to take to secrecy and advertise only in code simply because anarchists have now resorted to a national policy of violence against them? The code system proposed by Mr Berry would indeed allow regular followers to find the hunt, but what of casual visitors, notably the hundreds and thousands who on Boxing Day would normally watch their local hunt? Why should access to a lawful, organised country pursuit be curtailed by threats?

Why should violence and intimidation be allowed to succeed?

JOHN HOPKINSON
Director, British Field Sports Soc.
London, S.E.1.

Latvian pride

SIR—The Latvian Government may be a Russian puppet, but this does not stop the people proudly calling themselves Latvians.

It was therefore distressing for myself and my fellow countrymen to see the conductor Marius Yansons described as Russian in your recent review. Fortunately an obituary to his father Arvid on Nov. 22 got this nationality right.

Many Latvians, by force of circumstance, are citizens of the Soviet Union, but it is no more correct to call them Russian as it is to refer to the Welsh as English.

Please don't rob us of the last vestige of pride left to us.

MIKELIS MEZMALETIS
Maidenhead, Berks.

A late curtsy

SIR—Mrs Renée Gbord (Dec. 6) would be interested, I am sure, to know that I was taught to curtsy in the 1930s. My two daughters, aged 28 and 27, also learnt this delightful and now unheard-of courtesy in their childhood, although I taught them it was only old men—a nod to future equality of the sexes?

They were certainly not alone in their remembrance of one of their school friends and I dropped a pretty curtsy on myself as late as 1966.

(Mrs) Y. LEWIS
London, N.41.

Tax bill may force sale of Kedleston and its treasures

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estate Correspondent

KEDLESTON HALL, in Derbyshire, considered one of the finest stately homes in Europe, is in danger of being sold and its priceless furniture and paintings dispersed.

Urgent talks were being held last night between the Government and its agencies in an effort to halt the break-up of the estate, the home of the Curzons for more than 850 years.

This followed a High Court move yesterday by the trustees of the estate, valued at more than £20 million. The y sought guidance on paying £2,500,000 in Capital Transfer Tax.

Tax interest liabilities of more than £400 a day are mounting up after the death of the 2nd Viscount Scarsdale in 1977.

Trustees have offered Kedleston Hall and some of its paintings and furniture in lieu of payment. The Government has been asked to purchase more of the historic contents of Kedleston to save them for the nation.

The trustees went to the High Court for guidance on paying the Inland Revenue, while safeguarding the interests of the present Lord Scarsdale and his five children. It was a formal application. A full hearing could be held next spring.

Options faced

To meet the tax bill, the trustees are faced with the following options:

To make it over to the Government, with the National Trust taking over.

Partial transfer to the Government of the house, paintings, furniture and land.

A combination of Government take-over and sale of part of the estate and house.

Complete sale of the estate, with Kedleston and its contents, to a single purchaser.

Break-up of the estate, house and its contents to several purchasers.

The estate's trustees said: "Over a year ago we offered the hall, its parklands and some of the principal contents to the nation in lieu of tax liabilities."

"Because we have not received an offer from the

Government we are forced to consider selling either the whole of the hall and its estate or at least a major part of it."

The present Viscount Scarsdale took over the estate on the death of his cousin in 1977. He inherited the Hall and 5,700 Kedleston acres, which include a 500-acre park, 17 farms and an 18-hole golf course. The tax bill came with it, and concerns the land.

Kedleston Hall was designed by the neo-classical architect Robert Adam. It is unique in that it was virtually built around a picture collection and the furniture was made for the house.

Mr Angus Stirling, director-general of the National Trust, said last night: "There must be a general acceptance that Kedleston must not be broken up because of its paramount historical and architectural importance."

Unthinkable sale

Mr Patrick Cormack, Conservative MP for South Staffordshire, has asked Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to make in negotiations to acquire Kedleston for the nation.

Mr Cormack said: "It would be unthinkable that it should be sold, its collected dispersed, and its park despoiled."

Much will depend upon the National Heritage Memorial Fund, headed by Lord Cherter, who has complained that there has been insufficient funding to retain Britain's treasures.

Earlier this year they funded the purchase of Belton House, a cost of £3 million, and later, at Abbey, with £7,500,000 after a special grant from the Government. Both houses are considered inferior to Kedleston.

Register 'to protect historic gardens'

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

IN a move to gain statutory recognition and control of historic gardens in England, the Historic Gardens Register has been launched in London by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, the chairman of English Heritage.

He said: "We hope that shortly the gardens of England might get the protection they deserve."

Gardens, which have enjoyed increasing popularity, are now considered part of the national heritage, in the same way as buildings, paintings and furniture.

Lord Montagu, announcing one of English Heritage's major initiatives since its formation earlier this year, said: "This register should highlight their importance to developers and other statutory bodies, and act as an early warning against ill-considered development."

Alert planners

He added: "The register will, for example, alert high-way planners when new motorway proposals might run through an important historic park or garden and it will allow them to draft alternatives."

Work on the register began with the Historic Buildings Council for England under the chairmanship of Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, which ceased to exist in April, when its responsibilities were transferred to the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, known as English Heritage.

The register is being compiled on a county-by-county basis and entries for the first 10 counties have now been issued listing over 200 parks and gardens. Entries for the whole of England should be complete by the end of 1986.

It includes gardens belonging to public and civic bodies, local councils and to organisations such as the National Trust, as well as to private owners.

Historic features

English Heritage is responsible for a number of gardens which will qualify for the new register. They include Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, the gardens at Audley End, Essex, and also those at Belsay Hall, Northumberland.

The register covers gardens and parks with historic features dating from 1539 or earlier which are graded with the same symbols as are used for statutorily listed buildings. Existing planning and listed building consent is not affected by the register which does not carry statutory controls.

Lord Montagu, however, is confident that within the near future gardeners will be given the same protection.

To emphasise the importance attached to the gardens and parks as part of England's heritage, the Commission has appointed its own Gardens Inspector, Dr Christopher Thacker, former editor of *Garden History*. Inclusion in the register has

been assessed by a panel of experts. Details give the county, name of site, district, civil parish or town and national grid reference for the site.

In addition, the type of site is logged, along with its area in hectares, dates and designers of key surviving elements of the site, including a house, if appropriate, surviving features of the garden or park, and its historic associations.

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English Heritage in its register has used the grading system now used for listed buildings.

Relative importance

Grade I applies to parks and gardens which by reason of their historic layout, features and architectural ornaments make them of exceptional interest.

Grade II covers those which are considered, if not of exceptional interest, at least of great quality.

Grade III includes those of special interest.

The gradings reflect the importance of the garden or park concerned, in comparison with other gardens or parks in England as a whole.

If there is a listed building within the limits of a registered park or garden, the grade is not necessarily the same, since the building and the garden or park are not always of equal importance.

Every entry has been checked with the owners before inclusion, and revised and additional entries will be issued from time to time.

PROBATION FOR BBC RADIO PRODUCER

A BBC radio drama producer, Brian Miller, 45, was put on probation for two years at Bristol yesterday for two indecent assaults on a boy of 15.

Miller, married with one child, of Queen Victoria Road, Clifton, Bristol, had admitted both charges at an earlier hearing.

He recently produced a radio version of "Great Expectations" and another drama, "The essential history of Troy Town." Both will be broadcast in the New Year. His production of "Our Man in Havana" won the Sony award for John Nettles.

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Short-term (up to 5 years)	Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	100.00	4.50
British Fund	100	100.00	4.50
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British Fund	100	100.00	4.50
British Fund	100	100.00	4.50
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British Fund	100	100.00	4.50
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Medium-term (5 to 10 years)

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50

Long-term (over 10 years)

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Commonwealth and African Stocks

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Corporation Stocks

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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British Fund	100	4.50
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Foreign Stocks

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Dollar Stocks

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Banks, Discount, & R.P.

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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British Fund	100	4.50
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Electrical & Radio

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Breweries

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Building & Roads

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Food & Catering

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Cinemas & TV

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Drapery & Stores

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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Industrials

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
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Chemicals & Plastics

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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RECENT ISSUES

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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SHIPPING

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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TEXTILES

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
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TOBACCO

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British Fund	100	4.50
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TOURIST RATES

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
British Fund	100	4.50
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RIGHTS ISSUES

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British Fund	100	4.50
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MINING

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British Fund	100	4.50
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Gilts in doldrums

ACCOUNT: Dec. 10-Dec. 21.
PAY DAY: January 7.
BARGAINS TREAS: 27,921.
RISKS: 502,345,283.
UNCHANGED: 996.
EQUITY TURNOVER (Dec. 13):
Number of bargains: 37,590;
Value: £33.9 million;
Shares traded: 233.4 million.

STOCK INDICES, December 14, 1964

Index	Change	High	Low
Ordinary	92.4	92.4	73.3
Govt. Secs.	82.34	82.34	75.72
Gold Mines	504.0	504.0	711.7
Fixed Int.	85.79	85.79	48.40
Ord. Div. p.c.	4.61	4.61	5.29
Earn. Yld. p.c.	11.67	11.67	9.00
FT-SE 100	1204.8	1204.8	986.9

INSURANCE

Stock	Price	Yield
British Fund	100	4.50
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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PAPERS & PUBLISHERS

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

EVERYONE with a financial interest in the offer seems to be getting in on the act. Unit trusts, pension funds, insurance groups and other specialist investment building societies look for swaps and share deals. They have returned cheques, and licensed stockbrokers offer to sell what they can for you. You have without charging you the commission that you would pay a stockbroker.

So it is that simple or is there a snag? Surely no one would sell a licensed share particularly a licensed share for nothing? Does nothing for nothing?

Indeed, nothing is free. The dealers pay their administrative costs by quoting you a different price for your Telecom shares than they get elsewhere.

Newspapers quote a "mid-price" for shares, but in fact there is a slightly higher price at which you would have to buy, and a slightly lower price at which you could sell. The difference covers the brokers' or dealers' costs and profits.

And, as our table shows, the difference between offer and bid prices is not small.

per Telecom share at three licensed dealers to just up at all the stockbrokers we contacted. Prices were taken at 3 p.m. last night.

The stockbrokers' prices are clearly better than most licensed dealers', with only one of the five offering to sell shares at a price the brokers' \$100 a pop, and none offering to sell at such a generous price as the \$91 a pop. And for the small investor, of course, it is selling shares in a company the most likely transaction though.

While shares are still not registered, there is no stamp duty on purchases. When the shares are registered later next year, there will add 1 p.c. to the cost of buying through either dealers or stockbrokers, just as on other shares.

The only other cost of using

stamp of up to 60p on the whole deal. This applies to deals through brokers too, but they also charge their commissions.

Especially for the Telecom issue a group of London and provincial brokers (including Quilter Goodison and Bristol's Stock Beech who were among those quoting the 1p dealing spread last night) have agreed to charge special rates to small

Who

PRICES		
Dealer	Offer	Bid
Arcor Inv	101 p	98 1/2 p
Cleveland Secs	101 p	98 p
Harvard Secs	101 p	98 p
Hill Waingar	99 1/2 p	97 1/2 p
Ravendale Secs	102 p	99 p

investors until December 1986.

On sales with a value up to £300 that is, those who asked for 200 shares) this special commission is 15, and on sales of up to £324 (that is, 400 shares, at the moment) it is 17. For anyone wanting to buy the special rates are 15 per transaction valued up to £300 and 17 on deals of up to £366. All these charges are subject to 15 p.c. V.A.T., however.

These are the British Telecom bargains:

400 shares	
Buying cost	Sale value
£404	£394
£404	£392
£404	£392
£408	£390
£408	£396

For larger transactions including sales by anyone allocated 800 shares, brokers will normally charge their usual commission of 1.65 p.c. of the transaction value, plus 15 p.c. VAT on that fee. That gives the buying and selling costs in the final two columns of the Table's last line.

So at last night's share prices, one of the Recsees dealers, Hill Woolgar, was the cheapest

800 shares	
Buying cost	Sale value
£308	£788
£308	£784
£296	£780
£316	£792

place to buy 400 shares, with the stockbrokers a few pennies cheaper than most other dealers and Ravendale Securities the most expensive.

To buy 800 shares, the stockbrokers were much more expensive than they charge conventional commissions. Their price was nearly £25 higher than the best dealer.

And selling through a broker last night would have given the investor value to someone with 400 shares and, give or take a few pennies, the worst deal on 800 shares.

So despite the licensed dealers' worse prices, they can be good value and their offer of no commission can be worthwhile taking up.

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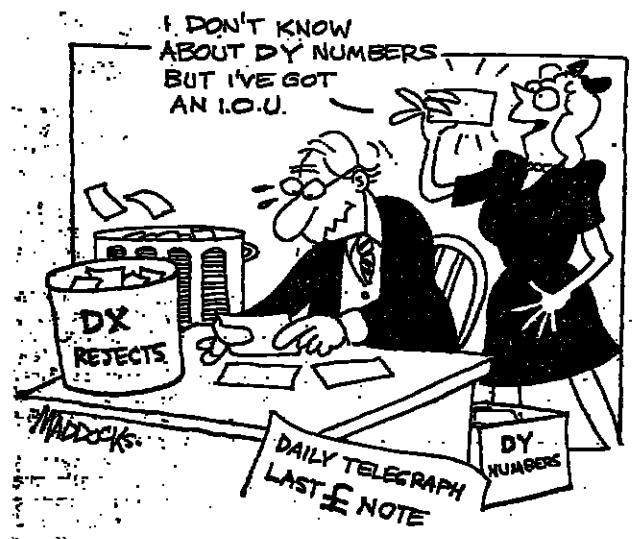
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PURSUIT OF THE LAST POUND

READERS have certainly made sure that the prize for the last round Note in England is wrested from the DAILY TELEGRAPH employee who last week won the prize at the last minute with the DX 53 number note.

Monday's posting session brought us collections of DX notes, mainly from the West Midlands, and the North East, and, as always, a number of overhauled readers had noted that DX 60s were in the bag.

And so the highest number is kept progressing all week, was a Birmingham reader who brought us into the DX 70s and a Lancashire competitor who sent us the DX 80 note.

As soon as the DX 94 numbers started coming in, mainly from Lancashire and the east Midlands—we could be pretty certain that the competition would move on to a new high letter.

By the time 94 million notes had been sent, 34 combination letters, so the DX 94 series was the final batch of those notes, and the Burton-on-Trent reader who found DX 94 35555 has one of the last. But the DX 94 series has not yet started coming up with Y notes; until then the vast majority of entries had been coming from north of Watford.

And yesterday, in came the first number shown from a reader in Ruimsig, in Malawi, and this note is to find

the last pound note which got into circulation when the Bank of England stops issuing them at the end of this month. The last note could already be in circulation or it could be in high street bank waiting to be handed out—we want you to find it.

We will be giving our first humble prize to whoever has found the highest number noted by the end of this month.

HIGHEST NUMBER SO FAR
BY 11 992469
CAN YOU BEAT IT?

but we will have further prizes at the end of January for another notes with still higher numbers.

To see if you've won; check that the note is signed by D. H. F. Somerset; and see if the number is the same as the DZ. A note with the letter 'D' followed by a number higher than 11 could be a winner, or even DY 11 note whose final six digits exceed those shown here.

Meanwhile, if you have a note that could win our competition, don't send it to us. Instead, write to Last Note Daily 'Telegraph' City Office, 112 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4A 3BS. And address all other correspondence to

relatively small amount, think carefully before borrowing funds. If money is expected from a holiday job, or as a Christmas present, it may be considered worthwhile to anticipate future "income."

Before borrowing consider two important points:

- The money has to be repaid.
- If taken from a commercial organisation, a charge will be made.

The most convenient source of borrowing is to draw cash on a credit card. However, it is also the most expensive method. Interest will be charged from the day the advance is taken. There is no "interest free period" compared with paying for goods or services with a credit card.

A cheaper method is by way of overdraft. Most banks offer students' competitive terms—generally 1 p.c. above their base-rate (currently about 10 p.c.). If "cheap" overdrafts are not available, the interest charged should still be less than a credit cash advance.

However, an overdraft may result in the borrower incurring more than just interest charges.

Only Midland and NatWest give students free banking if they are in debit or credit. Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and the TSB will not

Pence	120	THE UNIT
	110	
	100	
	90	

STUDENTS' CASHFLOW

banks and grants look for students in term time. What if finance runs out when they return home for Christmas?

The student should carefully consider finances. A bank manager is far more likely to be asked to finance a student to create a future need than by one who only ask when the need is empty.

Individuals who unknowingly draw their accounts, or who use they are broke, but still have a good credit rating, are not going to be a good impression.

The student had drawn up budget on a weekly basis. At the end of term and statistically borne in mind that the cost of term activities can result in higher than usual expenditure he is in a better position to ask for an overdraft.

There is a large shortfall, clearly economies will have to be made, or the net does not balance by

BANKING

Andrew Moore gives some advice to students on coping with their finances over the Christmas holiday.

current account, providing it is kept in credit, or within an agreed overdraft limit of up to £100. Williams and Glynn do not charge commission if the account is maintained in credit or within an agreed overdraft limit.

Students banking with Barclays, Lloyds or the TSB could, therefore, find themselves paying for each withdrawal made from their account during the whole "quarterly charging period" if they want credit of

more than £100.

With the cost of writing each cheque at up to 30p, an individual who uses his or her account heavily can incur quite hefty bank charges.

Care must be taken therefore not to fall into the charges trap. It may be more advantageous to take the bank's interest and pay a credit card cash advance. It just depends how long the money is required.

Those who opt for the overdraft alternative, must not overdraw for the agreed overdraft otherwise they will fall into the charges trap. Remember that the banks do not advise when the interest will be deducted from the account, so it is best not to go too close to the agreed limit. For the same reason, interest could also result in the criteria for free banking being broken.

The careful use of a credit card for buying for goods or

services, can give quite generous interest free periods of credit. Remember that in today's "plastic" world, even groceries can be bought by card.


One final tip for those who take a credit card cash advance. Interest is charged from the day the money is taken. Payments to the account appear first to the interest shown on the current and any previous statement — then to cash advances.

So, pay into the card account as soon as funds are available. Do not wait for a statement.

Just go along with the card to any branch of the bank on which the card is issued and ask for the money to be forwarded to the credit card company. The cashier will complete the simple form for you.

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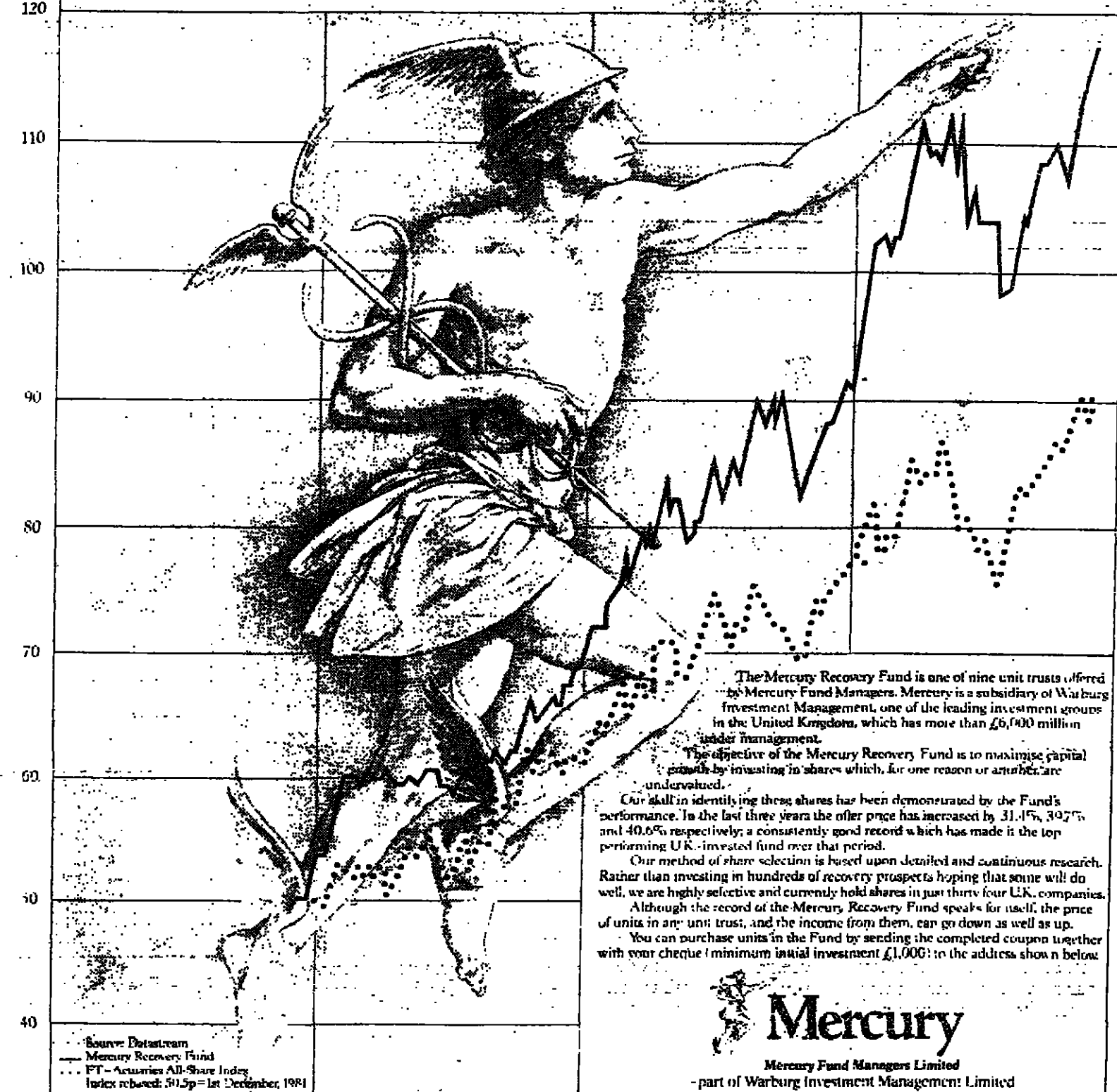
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TAXMEN IN THE BANK

TAXATION

APRIL 1985 will see the introduction of the new system of taxing bank interest by deduction. The changes will mean that there will be some important knock-on tax consequences for the last two years as well. The situation presents investors with both opportunities and pitfalls.

Up until now, bank interest has been paid gross to investors and the tax on it has been charged on a preceding year basis. In other words, your income tax for bank interest received in 1981-2 would have been assessed in the 1982-83 tax year. 1982-83 tax rates would have applied and the tax would normally have been payable on January 1, 1982.

There are special rules to cover the first three years when you have deposit interest and also the last two years. The basic "closing year" rules provide that in the last-but-one year, you will either pay tax on the actual interest you received in the year or on the amount you received in the previous year if that is more. In the final year itself, the tax is based on the actual level of income received.

In most cases, it is fairly clear whether a source of deposit interest has started or ceased. The facts speak for themselves. But in some cases, the position is not cut and dried, for example, the Revenue quite often ignores the closing and opening of specific accounts unless all accounts open and close more or less simultaneously.

In contrast, if you substantially increase or reduce the amount of your deposit interest in a particular year without actually opening or closing your

panies and charities are not included in the scheme. The other significant change that has received substantial publicity, is that tax will no longer be chargeable on the interest received in 1985-86 will be taxed in 1986-87 – by deduction for the basic rate – and, if it applies, for the higher rates.

Basically, bank deposit accounts held by individuals will come into the scheme. Individuals who want to avoid the new net interest scheme will still be able to invest into the National Savings bank or they could even put their money abroad in foreign banks or institutions.

There are special rules to cover the change over at the end of this tax year. The rules cover all bank accounts that change over to the new composite rate system at the end of the tax year. These sources will be regarded as if they had ceased on April 5, 1985.

However, the normal closing year rules about ceasing have been suspended and the taxpayer should not act interest received in 1985-84 even if it is higher than the amount received in the year before. Thus, if you have bank interest on a continuing basis as follows:

1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
£1,900	£2,000	£1,800	£2,100

The 1982-83 interest of £1,900 will have been taxed in 1985-84. The interest in 1984-85 will be taxed in the current year – that is £1,800. So the £2,000 earned in 1983-84 will drop out of account and will not be taxed. The 1985-86 income will be taxed on the current year basis. Many taxpayers will have received assessments by now for 1984-85 based on the 1983-84 income. They are almost certain to be wrong and the Revenue have said that they will adjust these after the end of the tax year when the actual amounts of interest received in the tax year are known.

Payment of tax in January based on their assessments may involve payment of more tax than necessary, if only for a few months. If you want to avoid this interest-free loan to the Revenue, you will need to appeal against the tax assessment on bank interest, paying tax at only the lower amount applicable.

Most taxpayers will find it advantageous to have the special provisions apply to their deposit interest. So most investors should make sure they do not inadvertently close down or very substantially reduce their deposit accounts before the end of the tax year, or the normal cessation rule will apply and your 1983-84 interest will become taxable.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX

The Retail Price Index for November was 358.8 (Jan 15, 1974 = 100). This represents an increase of 0.3 p.c. on October and an increase of 4.9 p.c. over one year. Repurchases of index-linked National Savings Certificates in January 1985 will be based on the new index figure of 358.8. Repayment value during January 1985 of a £100 index-linked certificate purchased in:

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September 1975	£276.63	December 1982	£115.26
December 1975	£268.94	March 1983	£114.12
March 1976	£259.23	June 1983	£111.24
June 1976	£249.68	September 1983	£109.25
September 1976	£245.22	December 1983	£107.33
December 1976	£234.53		
March 1977	£222.58		
June 1977	£212.89		
September 1977	£208.88		
December 1977	£205.80		
March 1978	£202.59		
June 1978	£197.32		
September 1978	£193.85		
December 1978	£190.87		
March 1979	£185.36		
June 1979	£179.35		
September 1979	£167.93		
December 1979	£163.34		
March 1980	£153.03		
June 1980	£143.93		
September 1980	£140.12		
December 1980	£138.05		
March 1981	£135.37		
June 1981	£128.46		
September 1981	£126.34		
December 1981	£123.60		
March 1982	£120.85		
June 1982	£117.74		

DURABLES INDEX

NOVEMBER'S durable goods index is 258.8: a rise on November 1983. Household contents policies due to be renewed this month should have the sum insured increased by about £2.60 per £100 of cover. Straight indemnity policies, where the amount paid out in the event of a claim is based on the second-hand value of the goods, is not necessarily similarly affected by inflation but householders would be wise to check their cover is sufficient or consider changing to "replacement value" cover.

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TARGET has joined unit trust groups abandoning their usual share swap minimum for those small investors with BT shares.

STEWART'S Japanese unit trust has doubled in value since its launch two years ago. It would have been better to have bought then, but new investors are now being coaxed in with a 1 p.c. discount.

A UNIT trust charity scheme, allowing the income from unit investments to be covenanted to the charity of your choice, is being launched through stockbrokers Moore Govett.

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THE pensions industry is getting excited about R-Day and A-Day. R-Day is the date from which rights accrued under their present company pension scheme will be revalued (by a limited amount) if they subsequently leave the company before retirement.

This partial thawing of the "frozen" pension problem is one of the recommendations of the Fowler committee which is set to become law in 1985 — on A-Day. It is a welcome and long-anticipated change — but it's not one that's going to set the frozen pension totally alight.

Employees who have spent some time with their current employer, and who leave in the next year or two, could be disappointed by the very limited effect of the change: pension rights accrued before R-Day will remain as resolutely frozen as ever.

Secondly, the obligation to revalue is limited to 5 p.c. a year or the inflation rate, whichever is the less.

It is in this context that the buy-out bond has been flourishing. The bond, more prosaically known as a "Section 32 contract" (after the 1981 Finance Act) is an insurance company product that has been attracting thousands of "early

leavers" and millions of pounds in the last year or two, as people have become aware of how damaging a "frozen" pension can be to their eventual retirement income.

The buy-out bond appears to be a simple answer and one which could suit both the employee's old company and the employee himself.

The company (or rather, its pension scheme) can get shot of the liability to its former employee which might otherwise be stretching anything up to 40 years into the future, while the employee can look forward to an increased pension value in an insurance company's pension fund.

There is a third alternative that of transferring the value of the preserved pension to the employee's new company: assuming, that is, that he has another job to go to and is not simply being made redundant. But the problem here is that

the new company's pension scheme may not offer a particularly good deal.

Once again, the buy-out bond can score — in theory, at least. It will often work in practice as well, but there are growing doubts being expressed about the way a Section 32 contract can be presented to an employee in this situation, which bodes ill for the time when all employees could be faced with the decision of remaining in their company pension scheme or going it alone with a personal portable pension.

There are three major areas of possible confusion and uncertainty which make it difficult for employees to reach a sensible decision.

The first concerns the "frozen" pension. Most companies at present do not revalue preserved pension benefits at all, and the pension paid at retirement may also be fixed. However, a sizeable minority of schemes offer uplifts in both

cases, generally on an *ex-gratia* basis rather than as a right.

Around three-quarters of private pension schemes have in fact increased the pension paid after retirement to some extent, and almost a third increase "frozen" pension rights of early leavers.

Obviously, the employee must make sure that the quotation he receives from a buy-out company takes account (where possible) of both these aspects so that he can compare "like with like." If the buy-out route is simply quoting a fixed pension at retirement, it could well appear to be a much better deal on paper as the starting pension will be considerably higher.

Secondly, there is the question of a widow's or widower's pension: again, if the buy-out quotation is on the basis of a single life pension, at retirement, it will appear that much greater.

In the table, we show the sort of difference these factors can make. According to John Lowe of London Life, who produced these figures, it is essential that "matching" quotations are produced, otherwise the employee could be making a decision based on the wrong premises, and taking a greater risk with his pension than he is aware of.

This brings us to the third area of uncertainty: the vexed question of investment performance and the basis on which such quotations are provided.

Diana Wright

Quotation for a 'buy-out' bond

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SAVING A BOB OR TWO ON THE DRINKS

SHOPPING around will certainly save money when buying Christmas spirits this year. But you may have to move fast because supplies are being cut off from shops offering whisky, gin and sherry at less than cost price.

Many supermarkets and cash-and-carry outlets select one or two popular items which they sell at rock-bottom prices to attract customers who then spend heavily on other lines, on which there is a good profit. Leading distillers have become exasperated by the practice, fearing that cheapening the price to unrealistic levels will also cheapen the image of the product and ultimately bring a decline in demand.

So this year they warned wholesale buyers that supplies would be halted if the retail price was too cheap. But by that time some stores were already printing leaflets promising bargains on prices until the end of the year.

The outcome is that Distillers Company, for instance, has

stopped deliveries of Gordon's gin to both Asda and International Stores, both of which were selling it at £6.59.

Supplies of Johnnie Walker Red Label whisky were stopped to the Nurdin & Peacock cash-and-carry business and deliveries of Claymore whisky were halted to part of the Landmark cash-and-carry concern, both of which supply smaller retail outlets.

International Distillers & Vintners stopped supplies of Croft Original sherry to Landmark. Seagram has also had problems with price-cutting affecting White Satin gin.

It must be remembered that tax on a standard bottle of



Scotch may well be £5.55 or more when value added tax is applied on top of duty.

Suppliers cannot, of course, fix the retail selling price. They can ban deliveries only when a buyer sells a product on at below cost price.

John Petty

SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW PRICES VARY

	Bells' whisky	Gordon's gin	Bacardi rum	Smirnoff vodka	Clasano Blanco	Malibu liqueur
Asda	£7.28	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.98	£6.35
Waitrose	£7.45	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.98	£6.35
Odeon	£7.49	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.98	£6.35
Peter Domic	£7.49	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.98	£6.35
Sainsbury	£7.45	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.98	£6.35
Victoria Wine	£7.45	£6.59	£7.28	£6.55	£2.98	£6.35
Thornes	£7.59	£7.15	£7.79	£6.79	£2.55	£6.19

WINE AS AN INVESTMENT

CLASSIC wines have their own equivalent of the Football League. In 1955 the Medoc wines of the Bordeaux area were graded according to the prices fetched at auction. The gradations are known as "growths", and a wine in any of the four growths is a "grand vin" which should be both delicious and a good investment.

The French are serious about their wine, and the growth classifications are treated with particular gravity. Despite much grumbling about the old categories not reflecting atmospheric and soil conditions there has been only one change, when Mouton Rothschild was elevated from the second division to the first in 1973.

The promotion of this lusty red was matched for publicity only by the occasion Manchester United won back their place in the footballing first division, yet the change was purely one

LIQUID ASSETS

If you are still buying the wine for Christmas, how about buying some to last a little longer? Harry Scott looks at the investment prospects of this liquid asset.

of status, not quality. For the world of the classic wines it was a momentous event. We British are taking our wine more seriously too: consumption at least has shot up, with 102 million litres imported in the first nine months of 1984, a 16 per cent increase on last year. Of course the vast majority of it is all pleasant, unexceptional stuff which is good to drink but will not per-

form well as an appreciating investment.

The two principal wines which double up as investments are the top Bordeaux from the handful of important vineyards in the growth categorisations, and Port. Merchants are wary of Burgundies, because quantities produced can be very low and they may find themselves paying high prices for a wine of relatively poor quality.

For example, a poor spring and variable autumn this year have caused millerandage, a failure of the grapes to swell, which has reduced the yield per hectare. The price of the 1984 vintage has remained firm, simply because of scarcity value, yet from the connoisseur's viewpoint the wines are a disappointment.

The tension between the interest of the profit-taker and the drinker underpins the business of investing in wine. The profit-taker who is not happy to drink the occasional glass, and the drinker who should the drinker swing down cases at hundreds of pounds a time unless he or she has other assets which make a little space for self-indulgence.

For those interested primarily in financial returns, the capital growth can be spectacular. Château Beycheville, a fourth growth St Julien, rose from auction price of £9.95 per bottle in autumn of 1982 to £15.25 per bottle two years later, an increase of 53 p.p. Château Palmer, a third growth Margaux, has increased its sale value by 65.70 p.p. over the same period.

In the longer term, a case of 1961 Château Latour would now sell at approximately £2,500 at auction. The same case would have cost between £24 and £36 some 20 years ago.

How to invest? Most merchants have a wine investment plan where subscribers pay a regular monthly sum and a collection of wine is built up for them with a view to both capital growth and consumption. Lloyd's Life runs an investment plan in association with wine merchants Lay & Wheeler in which half the investor's money goes into a ten year life plan with assurance cover and a tax-free sum at the end.

The other half is invested straight into wine by Lay & Wheeler. The abolition of premium relief on life assurance contracts has made this plan less attractive, and the emphasis is now on straight investment in wine itself.

Investing in wine with a merchant entails expenditure in two instalments by the investor. The first bill they must pay is when the merchant purchases wine "en primeur" in the casks at auction. This is an expert job best left to the professional.

The investor owns the wine when he has paid for it, but it will still be in the casks in Bordeaux. He or she will be able to see it after the second instalment is paid, perhaps as much as two or three years after purchase, when the wine is bottled and imported into the U.K.

This portion of cash is spent on the irritating incidentals of

getting the bottles into the merchant's cellar—carriage, import duty, and appropriately enough, V.A.T.

Tim Ferguson, of Lay & Wheeler, describes interest in the firm's monthly plan as healthy, with over 500 clients subscribing between £15 and £300 per month. He enthuses about monthly payment as a way of investing in wine, but stresses that treating it purely as an investment will tend to inflate prices artificially and may lead to investor dissatisfaction.

He believes that an investor must be happy to drink his wine if prices fall, as they sometimes do: "I wouldn't want a garage full of coconuts for example, but I'd be happy with one full of wine which I could share and appreciate," he says.

It seems clear that wine is an investment of a special sort, with two types of benefit if an investor actually enjoys drinking it. It is not in financial terms always a corking investment for those with the "bottle" to stay committed to. Nor is vintage desert wine simply an opportunity for making money. It should sometimes be savoured with the Siltton.

Wine, say the experts, is ultimately for drinking, especially over the festive season.

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41,454	Barton Hill	133	+2	3.4	2.6	12.4
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By JOHN MASON

THE Australians went shopping in Cardiff yesterday. The Barbarians trained hard, seeking, as ever on these occasions, to iron out some of the more obvious difficulties that confront a scratch team.

Jerome Gallion's knowledge of basic English improved considerably during the session, mostly under the tutelage of Mike Watkins, always an inspiring soul and rarely short of a word.

The line-up

BARBARIANS

15-3. Blane (Barry)
16-3. Smith (Wasp)
17-3. Ashman (London Welsh)
18-3. Mullin (Dublin Lions)
19-3. Underwood (Leicester)
20-3. Davies (Cardiff, capt.)
21-3. Gidley (Toulon)
22-3. Orr (Old Wesley)
23-3. Brady (Ulster)
24-3. Milne (Harlequins)
25-3. Lushman (Cork Conn.)
26-3. Norris (Cardiff)
27-3. McDougall (Newick)
28-3. Rees (Nottingham)
29-3. W. Anderson (Dunannon)
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AUSTRALIANS

15-3. Gould (Queensland)
16-3. Barker (NSW)
17-3. Slack (Queensland, capt.)
18-3. Wallabies (in the final of an 18-act epic production were pencilled in as the likely international team before, as it were, a shot had been fired. Alan Jones, the coach, said as much before leaving home.

Odd man out

Only Mike Hawker, on the right wing today, is out of place. These duties have been brought about, in part, by the injury to Brendan Moon, which meant that David Campese had to slot in quickly and effectively on the left-wing.

Otherwise, though, the selection of Cox, scrum-half, Roche, flanker, and Reynolds, is precisely in line with the thoughts of Jones-the-coach relative to the August series against New Zealand and the preparations for this tour.

There was also room for Stan Pilecki in the scrum, because Jones was insistent that he had a habit in the tight, in addition to his winning line-out options. Once here, Jones had to adjust his plans, and today he said "thank you" to those he said to leave out.

Yesterday, Jones, decided that the Australians were richly entitled to the day off, though it has been his custom not to make too many demands on the eve of a match. "When you get that close to the bell," he says, "more hard work means you've got your sum wrong."

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Gareth Davies, the new Barbarians' captain, is much more than a kicker of the ball.

The man who pays Santa...

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John Horton... may quit earlier than planned.

Bath drop Horton and start furore

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

JOHN HORTON, Bath's outside half for 11 seasons, is considering immediate retirement four months earlier than he intended after being "rested" for today's match against Harlequins at Twickenham, the scene of their John Player Cup win last season.

Horton is upset about what he describes as "outside interference" in Bath's team selection with hints from Derek Morgan, chairman of England's selectors, to field John Palmer at outside half and Simon Halliday at centre, in the national interest.

Earlier this week, Bath took the unusual step of nominating a squad of backs for the match and with Palmer recovering from a back injury, Horton, 33, was yesterday omitted.

Horton, a Lancastrian, who has played 330 games for the club, scored a remarkable 117 dropped goals, has lost David Robson, chairman of Bath's selectors, that he will consider his future this weekend.

Palmer, capped twice by England, is among Bath's wealth of centres, which include Halliday, an Oxford Blue, who suffered a serious leg injury when challenging for an England cap a year ago.

Halliday's dilemma

Halliday has toyed reputedly with the idea of joining a Welsh club to ensure first-team rugby, and the new arrangement suits everyone except Horton, though Bath have reservations.

"John is obviously very disappointed," Mr Robson told me yesterday. "The last thing we want is to offend him. He is a tremendous clubman. I should like to make it clear that Simon Halliday has not held a pistol to our heads about either being picked or leaving the club."

Horton, capped 13 times by England, said: "I don't think things needed to have been done. Centre is a hard position. I believe that if someone is good enough, then his chance will come in the end."

Palmer, who played alongside Horton during England's two international defeats in South Africa last summer, will today oppose Mark Fletcher, a Harlequin's newcomer from Waterloo.

Harlequins are without David Cooke, their captain, recovering from a minor knee operation, and John Hogg, who is playing at Manchester club, who excelled themselves last year by reaching the final, only to be beaten 92 by Sale Paul.

These would seem trivial problems for a player of Horton's stature.

London Welsh prefer Robin Prichard to Ian George at scrum-half at Sunbury against London Welsh, who have fared better in recent meetings of the clubs, while Saracens expect victory over persevering Exeter at Southgate.

Rugby League

FRENCH TEST FOR UNDER-21

BRITAIN hope to follow up their inaugural Under-21 victory over France at Castleford last month in the month of the returning return in Abi tomorrow.

Maurice Bamford, the coach, brings in five newcomers but maintains his team is as strong as the French team won 28-8 three weeks ago.

"I selected a squad of 26 for these internationals and it was always my intention to have a look at as many of them as possible," he said.

Plant suspended

Bamford originally made six changes but Andy Platt, the St Helens forward, was suspended by the League's disciplinary committee on Thursday and Andy Dannel, of Hull, who plays prop at Castleford, comes into the second row.

Making their debut at this level are Rippon, Swinton full back, Gribbin, Whitehaven centre, Fox Featherstone scrum-half and forwards Vane (Wigan) and Gregory (Warrington).

Rochdale Hornets have signed Terry Bilsbury the Leigh centre, listed at £5,000, on loan and he plays against Doncaster tomorrow.

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Britain follow up Olympic bronze

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Great Britain 3, Holland 1

GREAT BRITAIN struck bronze for the second time this year when they followed up their Olympic success by taking third place in the Champions Trophy in Karachi yesterday with a 3-1 win over Holland.

It was a superb result for Britain, who earlier this year were not ranked among the world's top 12 teams.

Their performance in Los Angeles took them to number one, and this second bronze in Karachi confirms that position.

Australia, who had to be content with fourth place in Los Angeles, gained revenge over Britain.

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SPONSORS BLOW FOR AAA

By KEN MAYS

THE Amateur Athletic Association received a £100,000 setback yesterday when Ubbi Copiers decided to end their sponsorship involvement with the sport which included the AAA Championships.

Doug Goodman, one of the AAA's leading officials, said: "The Ubbi Copiers' decision to end their sponsorship is a blow to the sport which we have had to live with."

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TELEVISION—SATURDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

8.30 a.m. The Pershires, rpt. 8.35 The Little Hobo, rpt. 9.30 Saturday SuperSport, 12.15 Weather.

12.15 **GRANDSTAND**—Including Football Focus at 12.20: Racing from Ascot for the 12.50, 1.50 and 1.55 races; News at 1; Boxing, from Wembley last night, at 1.55; Skiing from Val Gardena at 1.30; Rugby Union, The Barbarians v The Australians, from Cardiff at 2.10; Half-times at 2.50; Show Jumping, from Olympia at 3.55; Cross Country from Ipswich at 4.15; Final Score at 4.40.

5.05 **NEWS, WEATHER**, at 5.15: Sport/Regional News.

5.20 **SUPERDANCE 84**—A Disco Special. Gary Davies introduces solo dancers and teams competing for this year's championships at Hammersmith Palais.

5.55 **THE NOEL EDMONDS LATE LATE BREAKFAST SHOW**—With a magic and mystery theme.

6.45 **"CARRY ON, DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD" (1967)**—Not much quality, a little over-the-top, but a deal of liberty in this French Revolution farce, vaguely reminiscent of The Scarlet Pimpernel. The

expected larks for this series' fans, with Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Jim Dale and Charles Hawtrey.

8.15 **DYNASTY—Lancelotti**, the honeymoon is over, so it's all right for Krystle to start receiving threatening phone calls from someone who plans to take away all she loves. Adam and Blake are still on about the rape of Kirby. (CeeFax sub-titles).

9.05 **WOGAN—Terry Wogan** with guests.

9.55 **NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER**.

10.10 **MATCH OF THE DAY SPECIAL**—Which means that it's not all Match of the Day. With highlights from two First Division games we also have Show Jumping, the Puissance from Olympia.

11.50 **"VILANA'S RAID" (1972)**—Bloodthirsty Indians v Cavalry. Western with Burr Lancaster as an elderly scout and Bruce Davison as that familiar inexperienced but idealistic lieutenant out to catch up with a murdering and raping Apache band. No nonsense here, the Indians are the baddest, which led some critics to dismiss it as not just violently unpleasant but, even worse, reactionary. 1.20 Weather.

BBC-2

10.10 a.m. 1.15 p.m. Open University. 3.25 "Sun Valley Serenade" 1981, b/w; the Glen Miller tribute season continues, here with a band at an intimate looking after the skater, Sonja Henie, in a simple-minded musical with several good band numbers. 4.45 "The Forbin Project" (1969); as a contrast this is an intellectual sci-fi film about a computer that more or less takes over the running of the world. A modest production which turned into a good suspense thriller, with Eric Braeden, Susan Dey and Gordon Pinsent.

6.25 **THE SKY AT NIGHT—Forgotten Constellations**, Repeat.

6.45 **A VOUS LA FRANCE**—French for beginners, repeat.

7.10 **NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER**.

7.25 **RUGBY SPECIAL**—The Barbarians v The Australians, highlights from Cardiff.

8.15 **"L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPEA"**—The Glinda-bourge Opera production of the Monteverdi opera, realised and conducted by Raymond Leppard. The opera, written in 1625, was a work of great energy and power for a man of 70. Set in the Rome of AD 48 and directed both for the stage and television by Peter Hall, it has Maria Ewing in the title role and Dennis Bailey as Nero. A simultaneous stereo broadcast with Radio 4.

10.55 **"LEAP INTO THE VOID" (1980)**—Italian family drama, with French stars: a torment of ghosts, mistresses, madness and suicide all in a home apartment obsessed by childhood memories and fiery passions. With Michel Piccoli, Anouk Aimée and Michele Placido, and English sub-titles.

ITV London Weekend

6 a.m. Good Morning Britain, with The Wide Awake Club at 6.30, 8.25. 9.30 Fringe at Rock: 1 Don't Care, rpt. 10 The Saturday Starship, 11.50 Space 1999: The Rules of Luton, rpt.

12.15 **WORLD OF SPORT**—Including World Cup Skiing, men's downhill from Italy, at 12.20; Boxing Round-up at 12.45; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; Wrestling from Aylesbury at 1.20 and 1.55; Racing from Doncaster for the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.50 races; Snooker, World Doubles Championship from Northampton, at 2.45, 3 and 4; Half-time soccer round-up at 3.45; Results at 4.45.

5.00 **NEWS and SPORT**.

5.05 **CANDID CAMERA**—American version.

5.35 **BLOCKBUSTERS**—Presented by Bob Holness.

6.05 **THE A-TEAM**—The Bells of St. Mary's. A mixed involvement with a greedy record company, a pop group and a school football player.

7.00 **TARBY AND FRIENDS**—Jimmy Tarbuck with Bobby Davro, Phyllis Diller, Billy Eckstine, Russ Abbot and Julian Lennon.

7.45 **PUNCHLINES**—With Lennie Bennett.

8.15 **2-2-1: The Third Showcase**, Ted Rogers and his guests.

9.15 **NEWS and SPORT**.

9.30 **SNOOKER—World Doubles Championship**, second semi-final from Northampton for the next two and three-quarter hours. Tomorrow's final is pushed on to Channel 4 for the evening.

12.15 **BELLAMY—Bomber**, A suburban explosion. Presented by London News Headlines.

1.00 **NIGHT THOUGHTS**—With Dr. Sheila Cassidy.

Channel 4

1 p.m. Making the Most of... rpt. 1.35 Chips' Comic: Underground, 1.55 "Transatlantic Merry-Go-Round" (1964), b/w; first of two Jack Benny old films this afternoon, this is a rather jumbled medley of mirth, melody and mystery on board a liner sailing from New York to England, also starring Nancy Carroll, Gene Raymond and Sydney Howard. 2.40 "The Horn Blows at Midnight" (1945), b/w; see whether Jack Benny's running joke about how bad this film was is actually justified. It's a far-fetched fantasy about a trumpeter dreaming he is an angel sent down to end the world. With Alexis Smith and Reginald Gardiner. 3.55 Brookside, rpt.

6.00 **DANGER MAN—Sabotage**. This week Drake is investigating a plane loss between Singapore and New Guinea.

6.30 **ROCK 'N' AMERICA**—With Rick Dommun.

7.00 **SEVEN DAYS**—Exploring moral issues. Presented by News and Weather.

7.30 **"THE BESPOKE OVERCOAT" (1955, b/w)**—But, by enjoyable film about an East End tailor (David Kosoff), a freezing friend who badly wants a coat (Alfie Bass) and the unsympathetic boss

(Alan Tilvern). Written by Gogol, adapted by Wolf Markowitz.

8.00 **THE SONNETS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**—Some Glory in their Birth, read by Michael Bryant and discussed by Sir Roy Strong.

8.15 **MUCK AND BRASS**—Growth. Last of these repeats.

9.15 **TWENTY TWENTY VISION: CHILD SEX ABUSE**—The Offender. Last of the three programmes.

10.00 **HILL STREET BLUES**—Blues for Mr. Green. He's more trouble.

11.00 **"PUSHING UP DAISIES—Variable**, but at its best. Last week's David Coleman impersonation by Chris Barrie was great. Jolly producer Paul Jackson assures me this week's last programme is even better still, recorded at a later date.

11.35 **"ROMICIDAL" (1981, b/w)**—Transvestite horror set in the usual spooky old house, with a dumb and paranoid old nurse and a killer on the loose. With Patricia Breslin and Glenn Corbett.

★Outstanding. ★Recommended.

ITV REGIONS.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning.

8.20 The Wide Awake Club.

9.20 Road to Andaly.

9.30 Fraggle Rock.

10.00 Saturday Starship.

11.20 The Groovie Ghoules.

11.45 Jaberjaws.

12.12 TVS Weather.

12.15 World of Sport: L.

5.00 News and Sport, followed by TVS News.

5.05 Candid Camera.

5.35 Blockbusters.

6.05 The A-Team.

7.00 Tarby & Friends—Jimmy Tarbuck with guests Russ Abbot, Phyllis Diller, Billy Eckstine, Julian Lennon and Bobby Davro.

7.45 Punchlines.

8.15 3-2-1.

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12.15 At the End of the Day.

Central

6.25 Good Morning.

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9.25 I Gopher Your—Cartoon.

9.30 Fringe.

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12.15 Weather.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.15 p.m. What the Papers Say. 1.30 A Week in Politics. 2.10 Rugby: v Barbarians v Australia. 3.30 The Comedy Club. 4.10 The Comedy Club. 4.30 The Comedy Club. 4.50 The Comedy Club. 5.10 The Comedy Club. 5.30 The Comedy Club. 5.50 The Comedy Club. 6.10 The Comedy Club. 6.30 The Comedy Club. 6.50 The Comedy Club. 7.10 The Comedy Club. 7.30 The Comedy Club. 7.50 The Comedy Club. 8.10 The Comedy Club. 8.30 The Comedy Club. 8.50 The Comedy Club. 9.10 The Comedy Club. 9.30 The Comedy Club. 9.50 The Comedy Club. 10.10 The Comedy Club. 10.30 The Comedy Club. 10.50 The Comedy Club. 11.10 The Comedy Club. 11.30 The Comedy Club. 11.50 The Comedy Club. 12.10 The Comedy Club. 12.30 The Comedy Club. 12.50 The Comedy Club. 1.00 The Comedy Club. 1.20 The Comedy Club. 1.40 The Comedy Club. 1.60 The Comedy Club. 1.80 The Comedy Club. 2.00 The Comedy Club. 2.20 The Comedy Club. 2.40 The Comedy Club. 2.60 The Comedy Club. 2.80 The Comedy Club. 3.00 The Comedy Club. 3.20 The Comedy Club. 3.40 The Comedy 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TELEVISION - SUNDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

8.55 a.m. Heads and Tails, rpt. 9.10 People First: A Home of One's Own, rpt. 9.25 Making the Most of the Micro: At the End of the Line. Last of these repeats. 10 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Languages for Life: Lingue per la Vita, Italian version, rpt. 10.35 Sunday Worship from Knockbreds Methodist Church, Belfast. 11.00 See Hear! Christmas Special. 12.30 Farming: Weather. 12.55 Magic Roundabout, rpt. 1. This Week Next Week, with David Dimbleby. 1.50 Face the Music: music quiz. 2.25 Up in the World (1956, b/w); or up the ladder, with window-cleaner Norman Wisdom, who becomes friendly with a wealthy boy who is about to be kidnapped. 2.55 Show Jumping, from Olympia. 3.10 The Dukes of Hazard: Targets, Daisy and Lulu.

6.00 THE PRISONER OF ZENDA—Episode five of six. (Ceefax subtitles.)

6.30 NEWS, WEATHER.

6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE—Christmas Is Coming. With several hundred children and students gathered in

BBC-2

11 a.m. 1.30 Open University. 1.55 Horizon: A Mathematical Mystery Tour, rpt. 2.45 World Chess Championship: Anatoly Karpov v. Gary Kasparov. 3.15 George Orwell: 1984. Last of these repeats. 4.55 Music from St. George's: The Bachmann Quartet in string quartets. 5.10 World of Flowers. 5.15 World of Plants. 5.25 Ski Sunday: Men's Downhill from Val Gardena.

6.00 NEWS REVIEW.

6.30 THE MONEY PROGRAMME—Including Travelling Hopefully, prospects for package holidays next season and Stimulating Sales, ground training for airline pilots, a big export industry.

7.15 SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS—Richard Stilgoe introducing music from Chichester Festival Theatre by the Band of the Royal Marines, the Cambridge

Manchester Cathedral to sing carols and be interviewed by Paul McDowell. (Ceefax subtitles.)

7.15 SPORTS REVIEW OF 1981—Presentation of Sports Personality of the Year. From the BBC Television Centre before over 400 sports-persons, the gala evening for the sports department. Will it be Sebastian Coe or Torville and Dean? All our favourite commentators: Messrs. Lynam, Carpenter, Coleman and Hill.

8.50 TENKO—Tenth and last episode. (Ceefax subtitles.)

9.45 NEWS, WEATHER.

10.00 PERRY COMPO'S CHRISTMAS IN PARIS—Repeat with Angie Dickinson and Line Renaud.

10.50 EVERYMAN—Rendezvous to Caesar. The Nazis, 50 years ago this week, passed the Conspiracy Law, their first step against organised Christianity, banning gatherings outside churches. Film by German director Carsten Peter Thiede, recalling well-known cases of Christian resistance and examining the response of Christian writers and poets. 11.30 Weather.

Buskers, Chichester Cathedral Choir and Christ's Hospital Junior Choir.

7.55 *THE NATURAL WORLD—Land of Ice and Fire. Back we go to Yellowstone, America's oldest national park, here wearing its winter cap when few visitors are around. Filmed over five winters, "a crystal-cold wilderness".

8.45 DID YOU SEE...? Marshall McLuhan: The Man and his Message. Not the usual TV review but Lucie Kennedy introducing a tribute to "the guru of the electronic age".

9.30 DEAR LADIES—Oh Mr. Mayor. Hinge and Bracket comedy.

10.00 11.40 *SLITHER* (1972). Car chase road film, crossing California in the usual comedy-thriller style, though better than most, and would have been even better with another star, James Casin as a car thief, only just out of prison but already caught up in a frantic hunt for hidden loot. With Peter Boyle, Sally Kellerman and Allen Garfield.

ITV London Weekend

8.55 a.m. Good Morning Britain, with Thought for a Sunday. 9.15 Rub-a-Dub-High. 9.25 Carrots Time. 9.35 The Smurfs: No Nose for Smurf. 9.45 The Smurfs: The Smurfs' Secret. 10.10 Morning Worship from Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Care Bears: animated adventures. 11.40 The World, with Brian Walden. 1.10 Police Five. 1.15 The Big Match: highlights from two First Division games and hoping for a break from Liverpool and Arsenal. 2.10 The Human Factor: God Knows Where the Action Is—three people waiting to be vicars. Last in the present series. 2.30 The Smurfs, preceded by London News Headlines. 2.45 Happy Days. 3.15 Snooker: World Doubles Championship final from Northampton. 4.30 Terrahawks. 5.10 News. 5.15 Sunday Sunday, with Anthony Hopkins, Willie Rushton, Larry Grayson, Christopher Timothy.

6.30 NEWS.

6.40 APPEAL.

6.45 HIGHWAY—Harry Secombe visiting the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh.

7.15 CHILDS' PLAY—Presented by Michael Aspel.

7.45 *MURDER BY DEATH* (1976)—Polished spoof, though the series of plots plotted comedy in which Truman Capote, as an eccentric recluse, invites five

famous detectives, James Coco (Belgian), Peter Sellers (Oriental) and the couple David Niven and Maggie Smith, to "dinner and murder". Alec Guinness is also there in the sinister house. (Oracle subtitles.)

9.30 NEWS.

9.45 A KIND OF ALASKA—The short Harold Pinter play which was staged in London two years ago as one of a trio, "Other Places", with Dorothy Tutin now as the 45-year-old woman coming out of sleeping sickness after 29 years and Paul Scofield as her doctor. A fertile situation but the first 30 minutes pass very slowly, the woman's lines spattered with mild, uncharacteristic obscenities. Enigmatically concentrated, thinking by numbers, the dialogue is painfully paced out, revealing little about the patient and less about the doctor. (Oracle subtitles.)

10.55 SOUTH OF WATFORD—Colin McInnes and his view of London in the 1950s. "Absolute Beginners", Repeat.

11.25 SNOOKER—World Doubles Championship Final, highlights. Preceded by London News Headlines.

12.30 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Moshe Davis.

Channel 4

12 Tennis: Davis Cup Final—Sweden v. U.S.A., from Goteborg. 2.25 "A Home of Your Own" (1984, b/w): comedy without words, with Richard Briers and Bridget Armstrong as a young couple who have three children by the time their dream home is finished on a new estate. Featured muggers include Ronnie Barker, Bernard Cribbins, Fred Emney and Peter Butterworth. 3.15 British Council: Have Culture Will Travel. Gavin Scott with a documentary on the body which has 170 million of taxpayers' money each year and is now 50 years old. 4.15 Book Four: Hermione Lee with Geoffrey Grigson. 4.45 Karen Armstrong: Varieties of Religious Experience—Sister Frances Sleekers, a Dutch nun. 5.10 News and Weather. 5.15 The Business Programme.

6.00 AMERICAN FOOTBALL—Washington Redskins v Dallas Cowboys, plus other news.

7.15 THE DISMISSAL—Sixth and final episode of the Australian series about the dismissal of Gough Whitlam's Labour Government in 1975.

8.15 *SOUTH SEAS VOYAGE—Copper, Copra and Volcanoes. This last of the series visits that favourite TV site, Papua New Guinea. An attractive film on the island last week, though too much travelogue, not quite enough basic facts, from Krov and Ann Menubhin.

9.15 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE—City General. An introduction to a six-part series, scheduled for February, about Stoke City General Hospital. Staff and patients with memories and experiences.

9.45 SNOOKER—World Doubles Championship. Final from Northampton.

11.00 12.25 *HE WALKED BY NIGHT* (1948, b/w)—Documentary style murder hunt with Richard Basehart excellent as the thief who kills a traffic policeman in Los Angeles and is sought by Scott Brady and James Cardwell. One of the crime films with the stern voice of a narrator, much copied later.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

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TVS

6.55 Good Morning, with 17.45 Rub-a-dub-tub. 9.25 Action Line. 9.30 Star Ant. 10.00 Morning Worship: L. 10.10 Getting On. 11.30 Farm Focus. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Operation Raleigh—the Prince of Wales talks to three of the young participants about their tough selection tests, for this new project. 1.30 Hardcastle & McCormick. 2.30 The Big Match: L. 2.35 Snooker: Final of the World Doubles Championship. 4.30 The Adventurer. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.15 Terrahawks. 5.25 TVS News. 6.00 The Human Factor. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway: Ulster. 7.15 Child's Play. 7.45 Murder, Mystery, Suspense. "Murder By Death" (1976 film): Dorothy Tutin and Paul Scofield. Niven, Alec Guinness. 9.30 News. 9.45 A Kind of Alaska—Dorothy Tutin and Paul Scofield star in the TV production of Harold Pinter's "Other Places". 10.55 Teachers Only. 11.25 Snooker. 12.30 Company.

Anglia

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WELSH CHANNEL 4

12 noon The Davis Cup: American Football: Washington Redskins v Dallas Cowboys. 1.15 Will You Marry Me? 2.10 The American Football: Washington Redskins v Dallas Cowboys. 2.15 Will You Marry Me? 2.20 Newsworld Amath. 2.25 Newsworld Llanelli. 2.30 Newsworld Llanelli. 2.35 Newsworld Llanelli. 2.40 Newsworld Llanelli. 2.45 Newsworld Llanelli. 2.50 Newsworld Llanelli. 2.55 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.00 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.05 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.10 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.15 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.20 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.25 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.30 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.35 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.40 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.45 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.50 Newsworld Llanelli. 3.55 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.00 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.05 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.10 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.15 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.20 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.25 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.30 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.35 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.40 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.45 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.50 Newsworld Llanelli. 4.55 Newsworld Llanelli. 5.00 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PRIZE COMPETITION—No. 18,326
Three prizes of book tokens to a value of £20 will be awarded to the winners of the first three correct solutions to the crossword puzzle on page 28. The winners' names will be published in the Daily Telegraph on Monday, December 17, 1984. The prize fund is £60. The crossword puzzle is on page 28. The solutions are on page 29.

ACROSS
1 A church parade that's well attended (4, 5)
2 You'll find us going after many a water lily (5)
3 A pad in use night and day (9)
4 Routed partisans who are anxious to improve their position (9)
5 Oxford University girl who won fame as a novelist (5)
6 I'm after a tax on commodities (6)
7 Successfully carry out the rescue of a weatherbeaten crew (5, 3)
8 Reading in dismay about a fragrant flower (7)
9 Deceives about 50 British soldiers (6)
10 An attack in the film studio (5)
11 Fair comment on a soul that may yet be saved (3, 3, 3)
12 Sort of grenade that arouses affection (9)
13 It's holding me back for particulars (5)
14 Elite Nazis engaged in property valuations (11)

DOWN
1 Ready to run from the wood? (2, 3)
2 Significantly leaves others to do the fighting (7)
3 Free from restraint (8)
4 What we don't want to have done haphazardly by father (2, 6)
5 A fabulous cereal I get in for a fabulous creature (7)
6 One who gets buoyed up going from one party to another (8, 5)
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8 Suitable food for an early swallow (9, 4)
9 Extraordinary poster I'd left on a boat (4, 4)
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Address

QUICK CROSSWORD
ACROSS
1 Prohibited
2 Lord
3 One of several
4 Transaction
5 Hinder
6 Awaken
7 More expensive
8 Tar
9 Chaff
10 Nautical
11 Short-cut
12 Recent past
13 Divine drink
14 Flag
15 Pancake mixture
16 Close
17 Curious
18 Dilemma
19 Hair curler
20 Relating to money
21 Bird
22 Royal
23 Abrupt
24 Scottish playwright
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26 Deep male voice

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COLLAPSE OF REAGAN'S CUTS FEARED

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S reluctance to press for deep cutbacks in future defence spending has placed his whole package of proposed budget cuts in jeopardy, say American Government sources.

Fear is growing that the budget-paring initiative, which White House economists see as essential if the Federal deficit is to be controlled, could collapse before reaching Congress.

Details emerging of the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday show that Mr. Weinberger, Defence Secretary, would not countenance deep and far-reaching cutbacks in the Pentagon's projected budgets over the next three years.

His only offering was for a reduction of between \$4.5 billion (£2.3 billion) and \$6 billion (£3.2 billion) in the 1986 fiscal year outlay of \$24.5 billion (£12.6 billion) with a further \$12 billion (£6.3 billion) to be topped off the two succeeding years' budgets.

Mr. David Stockman, the Budget director, had told the meeting that for the defence savings to be "meaningful" they would have to total \$8 billion (£3.7 billion) over the three-year period, with at least \$3 billion in the first year.

Arms-control talks
Mr. Stockman and most other members of the Cabinet were in agreement that without such an assault on defence spending, the \$34 billion (£18 billion) package of proposed Budget cuts in other domestic programmes already sanctioned by Mr. Reagan would not be a hope of getting through Congress.

But Mr. Weinberger apparently insisted that America's military build-up must proceed on track, and Mr. Reagan, who pledged in his re-election campaign not to touch defence, was reluctant to press him further.

One informant said that at the Cabinet meeting, detailed discussion of what the Pentagon budget really contained was almost absent. Everyone concentrated on what effect military cutbacks would have on potential arms-control negotiations with the Russians.

Mr. Weinberger contends that the Russians have been forced to recognise that Mr. Reagan

was serious when he promised to build up America's arsenal in order to be able to bargain from a position of strength. This is the wrong time to suggest that this resolve is weakening in the name of budget-cutting, he says.

The Defence Secretary is unmoved by recent reports that the Kremlin may be ready for "reciprocal cuts" in military spending.

Mr. Reagan raised the possibility in his address to the United Nations in September and recent American visitors to Moscow have said they found the Russians receptive.

At a meeting this month with American trade officials, Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, regarded as the Kremlin No. 2, said his side was ready to discuss "far-reaching proposals" in arms control and was "prepared" for mutual military budget cuts.

But Mr. Weinberger is standing his ground. "One Government official was quoted as saying Mr. Weinberger's opposition to significant cutbacks threatened 'total paralysis' of the attempt to halve the projected \$210 billion (£111 billion) deficit by 1985."

"Weinberger has taken everyone to the cleaners," the official said. "We've come full circle to having no plan."

Quip by Reagan
But Reagan tried to laugh off the reports of "paralysis" in the budget-cutting process. "They must have taken me sleep at a Cabinet meeting," he said. "That was not paralysis."

He said the leaks to the Press were without "solid foundation". Asked when he thought he would come to a final decision on the budget cuts, he replied: "I wish I knew."

EEC facing trade clash with U.S.

By JOHN LICHFIELD in Brussels
FEARS of a stormy trade relationship between the United States and the EEC appear to have been confirmed at a meeting in Brussels yesterday.

The meeting was between senior EEC Commissioners and a delegation led by Mr. Shultz, American Secretary of State. It failed to resolve the latest in a series of disputes about European steel exports to the United States.

And at a joint Press conference, Mr. John Block, American Agriculture Secretary, gave warning of another difficulty. He said that the Reagan Administration intended to switch to a more "market-oriented" farm policy next year and to compete for a larger share of the world trade in cereals, dairy products, and sugar.

He said a Farm Bill that President Reagan would present to Congress in February would "open up production, reduce state subsidies, and leave it to American farmers to compete in world markets."

Farm policy 'problems'
Although Mr. Block waved aside suggestions that Washington was launching a trade war, his words did nothing to calm fears in Brussels that the new United States policy would undermine world farm prices and cause renewed financial problems for the EEC agriculture policy next year.

Until now the Reagan Administration has pursued a policy of paying some farmers not to produce commodities such as wheat and butter which are already in substantial surplus on world markets.

Both sides made it clear that no progress had been made towards solving the dispute over curbs on imports of EEC steel pipes and tubes, imposed by the Reagan Administration last month.

EEC claims for compensation for lost export earnings to be heard in the Council of Ministers, said a spokesman, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Geneva on Monday.

Mr. William Brock, special United States trade representative, said that Washington was "not in justification" for the EEC claim.

Viscount Davignon, of Belgium, the EEC Industry Commissioner, said Brussels remained convinced that the United States action was "not in accordance with GATT."

HEATHROW JET HIJACK SCARE
A small technical fault aboard a Gulf Air Tristar jet caused a major hijack alert at Heathrow Airport last night as it landed from Muscat.

The fault triggered an automatic electronic hijack alarm which sent a radio signal from the cockpit and alerted air traffic control. The jet was ordered to a quiet corner of the airport and armed police raced to the scene.

It was two hours before it was found to be a false alarm and the alert was called off.

FORCES RUSH TO QUELL REBELS
By Our Staff Correspondent in Singapore
Security reinforcements were rushed yesterday to the north-east sector of New Caledonia as Melanesian demonstrators, demanding independence from France, continued a looting rampage. French-owned homes and shops were attacked and a French-run hospital occupied.

The Melanesians have concentrated their latest attacks on the town of Maré, where 10 of their colleagues were killed in an ambush laid by white settlers last week. Now there are fears that vital talks between settlers and islanders, due to begin today, could be cancelled.

RAIN PROBLEM IN DROUGHT AREA
By Our Staff Correspondent in Addis Ababa
A rainstorm cut short a flying visit yesterday by Mr. John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, to an airstrip at Gondar in northern Ethiopia, to which the RAF is airlifting famine relief.

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8 YEARS FOR YOUTH WHO KNIFED PRINCE
One day after his release from 10 months' youth custody, Paul Warwick, 16, knifed an Indian prince, Nawab Moshin Ali-Khan, in the street, after demanding his wallet. He was sentenced to eight years' detention at Inner London Crown Court yesterday.

Prince Ali-Khan, a business consultant, of Wilton Street, Belgrave, was stabbed in the stomach, underwent emergency surgery, and was kept in hospital for three weeks.

The prince had handed 50p to Warwick and a friend when they approached him in Hamersmith Broadway and asked for money. But minutes later Warwick, of Peabody Estate, Battersea, returned, threatened to kill him unless he handed over more, and lashed out with a flick-knife.

PHONE THREAT TO JURMAN STOPS TRIAL
A murder trial jury of nine men and three women was discharged on its second day at Dublin Central Criminal Court yesterday following a telephone call to the foreman threatening to shoot him.

On trial was Loman O'Brien, 27, a freeman, who pleaded not guilty to murdering his 26-year-old wife, Monica, at their home in Bray, Co. Wicklow, last January.

O'Brien's counsel, Mr. Rex Mackey, described the telephone call as "appalling" and said he was positive his client had nothing to do with it. He said the separate bedroom of his wife Ada, also 29, was raised the alarm when the two men fled.

Mr. Evans collapsed and died in the hallway. His wife was being treated for wounds yesterday. Police said the intruder entered through a side window.

MAN, 79, KILLED IN ATTACK BY HOUSE RAIDERS
A 79-year-old man died from head injuries after being attacked by two raiders who burst into his home in Moseley Road, Bilton, West Midlands, at 2 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. Charles Evans, a former steelworker, was beaten up after the raiders had ransacked the separate bedroom of his wife Ada, also 79. She raised the alarm when the two men fled.

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SOLIDARITY LEADER OUT OF HIDING
Underground Solidarity's second ranking official came out of hiding yesterday to help his pregnant wife, who five months ago was beaten by the Polish police in an effort to force her to reveal her husband's whereabouts.

Zbigniew Janas, 32, a Warsaw technician, went underground three years ago when martial law was imposed. He is the second Solidarity official to abandon the clandestine struggle this month.

Poland's Communist authorities have told the hiding trade unionists that if they appear before the years' end they will not be arrested for past proceedings. But Solidarity supporters fear that if too many reappear the organisation will collapse.

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